

TO: Belmont Community
FROM: Dr. George H. Entwistle 3rd
SUBJECT: BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PLAN
DATE: December 17, 2010

I am pleased to advise you that the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan for the Belmont Public Schools (adopted by the Belmont School Committee on December 14, 2010) was submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) on December 15, 2010. All school districts are required to submit their plans to the DESE no later than December 31, 2010 and to review and update their plans at least biennially, as mandated by M.G.L. c. 71, § 37O sec. 5 (d), § 15.

Also at the School Committee's December 14, 2010 meeting an updated School Committee Policy 5013, Bullying and Hazing was adopted. Both of these documents can be found here on the district's website.

The Anti-Bullying Task Force, comprised of members from the district's Health, Safety and Security Advisory Team (with member representatives from the schools, School Committee, Belmont Police, Fire and Health Departments, and parent community) will oversee implementation of the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan. Quite unique to Belmont is an Anti-Bullying Resource Team (consisting of Belmont school professionals across the elementary, middle and high school levels) who can be convened immediately to provide consultation and support to any school leader or school leadership team needing resources in managing a bullying situation.