



BULLYING REPORT

The State Board of Education adopted an anti-harassment and anti-bullying policy in October 2004. The policy is based on the belief that Ohio schools must provide physically safe and emotionally secure environments for all students and all school personnel. The State Board of Education defines a positive climate as one that emphasizes and recognizes positive behaviors, evokes nonviolence, cooperation, teamwork, understanding and acceptance toward all students and staff in, and in transit to and from, the school environment.

The Licking Heights Local School District shares the same beliefs as the State Board of Education and for the reporting period of August 19, 2015 through January 15, 2016 and has verified thirty-seven (37) cases of bullying or other forms of aggressive behavior as defined in policy 5517.01/ORC 3313.666. A review of the data appears to show a significant increase in occurrences; however, the increase is reflective of an expanded standard that exceeds the minimum Ohio Revised Code (ORC) standard of reporting. This is reflective of movement toward a functional definition of bullying, opposed to a strict legal definition.