

Northumberland County School Board Proclamation

WHEREAS, school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, almost thirty percent of the youth in United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace, and can happen in many places on and off school grounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Virginia parents, students, teachers, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community; and

WHEREAS, the Northumberland County School Board and the VSBA has developed a model policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors; and

Now, THEREFORE, the Northumberland County School Board as a member of the Virginia School Boards Association recognizes the month of January 2007, as the VSBA School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in all Northumberland County Schools and Classrooms during that time.