

To: The Washington Township Public Schools Community

From: Theresa Pietrowski, District Anti-Bullying Coordinator

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Re: School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights

Beginning with the September 2011-2012 school year, our district has conscientiously implemented the requirements of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (referred to as the ABR). During the first three years of implementation of the ABR, our district has worked diligently to address and prevent incidents of harassment, intimidation, and bullying and to enhance a safe and supportive school climate and culture through various character education initiatives, professional development training for staff, programs for students, enhanced policies and procedures, and a focused integration of instructional and curricular activities. As in previous years, the New Jersey Department of Education released criteria by which principals were asked to evaluate different aspects of their school's implementation of the ABR for the 2018-2019 school year. These Self-Assessment results were released by the New Jersey Department of Education on June 10, 2020.

The Self-Assessment includes a variety of indicators that evaluate programs, approaches, training, curriculum and instruction, and reporting and investigative procedures. Each indicator is rated on a 0-3 scale as follows:

- 0 – Does not meet requirements
- 1 – Partially meets requirements
- 2 – Meets all requirements
- 3 – Exceeds the requirements

Each category has a different number of indicators and therefore, a different maximum amount of points as noted underneath each category heading on the Self-Assessment Report. The maximum number of points available on the entire assessment is 78, which would mean that each of the 26 indicators were rated as “exceeds the requirements.” If a school “meets all requirements” and therefore earns a rating of “2” for each of the 26 indicators, then the total score would be 52 points.

As a result of the Self-Assessment, WTPS has further refined Harassment, Intimidation, and



