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VSBA Bullying Prevention Month is January

Month Empowers Schools and Parents to End Childhood Harassment

School Board Members, Superintendents, staff, parents, and children around the Commonwealth are encouraged to use bullying prevention activities and materials to help end bullying. Childhood bullying is a significant problem nationwide. It can cause school absenteeism, mental and physical stress, poor school performance, poor self-esteem, and, in some cases, school violence. Statistics show that 160,000 children in the United States miss school each day as a result of being bullied.

School Board Members, superintendents, teachers and parents can play a critical role in creating a climate where bullying is not tolerated. It has been proven when adults and children stand together, bullying ends.

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