

Dear Chief School Administrator:

The NJ Commission on Bullying in Schools invites you to attend public hearings on the issue of school bullying and to make recommendations for improvement. The purpose of these hearings is to gather input from parents, educators, students and the general public on issues related to bullying in schools. Public testimony is vital to ensure the best possible solutions, so broad attendance is encouraged. You are invited to share your thoughts on the issue of bullying for up to three minutes. If you would like to submit testimony but do not wish to speak at a public hearing, you are welcome to do so by bringing a document to the hearing or submitting it via the address or e-mail below.

The hearing dates and locations are:

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 6-9 p.m., Lincoln High School, 60 Crescent Avenue, Jersey City
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6-9 p.m., Lawrence High School, 2525 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville
Wednesday, Feb. 25, 6- 9 p.m., Gloucester County College, Tanyard Road, Sewell, Health Sciences Building, Room 500

The Commission is specifically interested in receiving input about the efficacy and adequacy of existing laws and remedies, the current status of training and intervention methods and investigating and reporting incidents of bullying.

Please share the attached information with your contacts simply by forwarding this email and the attached flyer.

Each site will be accessible to people with disabilities. People wishing to testify are strongly recommended to pre-register. To pre-register, request assistance with language interpretation or hearing facilitation or submit written testimony outside of the public hearings, please contact Rachel Klein at The Office of the Child Advocate, P.O. Box 092, Trenton, NJ 08625, (609) 984-1188, bully.commission@childadvocate.state.nj.us.

For more information, go to www.childadvocate.nj.gov. Thank you in advance for sharing this information.

Sincerely,
Stuart Green, DMH
Chairman



Creating Safer Schools:

Governor's Commission on Bullying

When children are bullied, it can seriously harm their development, lessen their chances of school success and make it more difficult for them to develop healthy friendships. Bullying occurs in many forms. No matter how or where it happens, bullying can have devastating, long-lasting effects on children.

To address the problem of bullying in New Jersey, Governor Jon Corzine and the New Jersey Legislature created the Commission on Bullying in Schools.

Over a nine-month period, the 14-member Commission will:

- Study and make recommendations about school bullying laws and regulations;
- Assess legal remedies and protections available to children who are victims of bullying and to their parents, guardians and teachers;
- Evaluate training, funding and reporting on bullying;
- Evaluate the efficacy of state agency collaborations to address bullying issues;
- Convene public hearings to hear directly from concerned citizens throughout the state.

To learn more, visit the Office of the Child Advocate's website at www.childadvocate.nj.gov

Or email us with your input on this issue at bullying.commission@childadvocate.state.nj.us

HELP STOP BULLYING NOW!

Be a part of the solution