School Board Sets Date For Public Hearing On Bullying Policy, Adding Audio To Bus Cameras

By Don Gould
Andover School Board

The Andover School Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 5, to take comments on the proposed "Public Safety and Violence Prevention Policy – Bullying" and on whether the School Board should authorize audio recordings to be made in conjunction with video recordings on school buses. This is necessary to comply with State of New Hampshire House Bill 1523, which updates the 2000 "Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention Act."

Bullying is serious. When uncontrolled, it may lead to violence, shootings, suicides, and lasting emotional harm to both the bully and the target.

Bullying is the aggressive behavior that involves an imbalance of power or strength, often repeated over time. It is not conflict between one or more equals in a dispute.

Physical bullying may be what comes to mind. However, the most common form is verbal bullying, now increased by electronic networking (e.g. name-calling, rumor-spreading, social isolation, leaving a child out on purpose, shunning). Research has shown that bullying, when left unchecked, can negatively affect classroom learning and escalate to tragedy; or it can be eliminated to create a safe environment in which academic learning can be maximized.

Andover Elementary/Middle School has long had an anti-bullying program. This was implemented in the Long Range Plan, Goal 2: "AE/MS will provide a learning environment that supports academic achievement and personal growth" and the Eagle Code: "Always be respectful. Everyone is responsible. Make good choices. Safety first, last, and always." This is detailed under Behavioral Expectations in the AE/MS Calendar Handbook provided to all students.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) is an organized,

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Beacon volunteers Mary Anne Broshek and Mario Fratzki are hard at work rounding up short statements from the candidates who will appear on the ballot in Andover on November 2. Our plan is to post those statements on the *Beacon's* Web site on Monday, October 25, so you'll have time to read them carefully before Election Day on Tuesday, November 2. Watch for them at AndoverBeacon.com.

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	Andover	NH
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John Stephen	**142**	**78,783**
Karen Testerman	46	12,787
Frank Emiro, Sr.	11	4,400
Jack Kimball, Jr.	55	32,121
US SENATOR		
Jim Bender	22	12,611
Bill Binnie	41	19,508
Dennis Lamare	7	1,388
Ovide Lamontagne	96	51,397
Tom Alciere	0	499
Kelly Ayotte	**108**	**53,056**
Gerard Beloin	0	402
US REPRESENTATIVE		
Joseph Reilly	4	1,757
Wesley Sonner, Jr.	5	1,192
Charles Bass	**118**	**27,457**
Robert Giuda	47	11,145
Jennifer Horn	97	22,868
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR		
Peter Spaulding	96	8,928
Dan St. Hilaire	**102**	**9,998**
Jim Adams	50	5,976
NH SENATOR		
James Danforth	**234**	**3,228**
NH REPRESENTATIVE		
Gregory Hill	**107**	**1,028**
Kenneth Kreis, Sr.	**97**	**881**
Priscilla Lockwood	**121**	**966**
Hardy Macia	98	809
Jenn Coffey	**203**	**1,267**
Seth Cohn	**108**	**974**
Sean Cox	**106**	**837**
COUNTY SHERIFF		
Scott Hilliard	**230**	**13,971**
COUNTY ATTORNEY		
Scott Murray	**225**	**13,221**
COUNTY TREASURER		
Mark Derby	**223**	**12,878**
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
Kathi Guay	**234**	**13,631**
REGISTER OF PROBATE		
Jane Bradstreet	**227**	**13,190**
COUNTY COMMISSIONER		
Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh	**217**	**4,165**

2010 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

	Andover	NH
GOVERNOR		
John Lynch	**144**	**50,348**
Timothy Robertson	2	3,792
Frank Sullivan	5	3,418
US SENATOR		
Paul Hodes	**146**	**49,845**
US REPRESENTATIVE		
Ann Kuster	**115**	**25,431**
Katrina Swett	42	10,100
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR		
John Shea	**142**	**12,380**
NH SENATOR		
Matthew Houde	**145**	**3,348**
NH REPRESENTATIVE		
Timothy Chrysostom	**123**	**628**
Kathryn Cushman	**129**	**699**
Joy Tilton	**130**	**709**
Frank Tupper	**133**	**757**
Deborah Wheeler	**136**	**738**
Caroletta Alicea	**126**	**663**
COUNTY ATTORNEY		
Katherine Rogers	**139**	**7,704**
COUNTY TREASURER		
James Monahan	**137**	**7,537**
REGISTER OF PROBATE		
Kristina Schultz	**132**	**7,329**
COUNTY COMMISSIONER		
Leo Bernier	**135**	**1,741**