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Legislation passed by the state legislature requires school districts to provide parents/guardians of students with a written description of the district's bullying policy and the consequences for violations of the policy.

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. The Board's bullying policy applies to all activities within the district, including on a school bus, or those activities sponsored by the district occurring off school property. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior by any student/school personnel in the Forest Hills Local School District is strictly prohibited, and such conduct may result in disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion from school.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying, in accordance with House Bill 276, means any intentional written, verbal, graphic or physical act including electronically transmitted acts by a student with the intent to harass, intimidate, injure, threaten, ridicule, or humiliate. Such behaviors cause mental or physical harm, or reasonable fear of physical harm and/or damaging if students' personal property; and, is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for other student.

Please review the Board of Education's Policy 5517.01 that can be found on the district's website at www.foresthills.edu. ("Board of Education/Policies). The policy includes additional information related to types of conduct, complaint procedures, reporting procedures and intervention strategies.