

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Education Members and Danielle Prohaska, Superintendent

**FROM:** Mary J Huffman, Director of Academic Accountability

**SUBJECT:** Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Semiannual Report

**DATE:** Friday, February 10, 2017

**CC:** Treasurer, Principals

The following report fulfills our requirement to semiannually provide the Board of Education President a written summary of all reported incidents. This memo will be posted on the district Web site under the District Information and Data.

The following table shows the number of verified acts of harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying incidents that occurred in Mechanicsburg Exempted Village School District whether in the classroom, on school property, to and from school, or at school-sponsored events from August 2016 through January 2017.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Elementary School Incidents</b>	<b>Middle School Incidents</b>	<b>Senior High School Incidents</b>
August	0	0	0
September	0	0	0
October	0	0	1
November	0	0	0
December	0	0	0
January	0	1	4

All of these incidents were dealt with at the building level. We will continue to monitor the frequency of such incidents as the year continues.

The following is the definition of harassment, intimidation, and bullying by the Ohio Department of Education:

Harassment, intimidation or bullying means any intentional written, verbal, graphic or physical act OR electronically transmitted acts, i.e., Internet, cell phone, personal digital assistance (PDA) or wireless hand-held device that a student or group of students exhibited toward other particular student more than once and the behavior both:

- a. Causes mental or physical harm to the other student; and,
- b. Is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student.

Or

Violence within a dating relationship

In accordance with District policy as well as ODE model policy: It is imperative that harassment, intimidation, or bullying be identified only when the specific elements of the definition are met because the designation of such prohibited incidents carry special statutory obligations. However, misconduct by one student against another student, whether or not appropriately defined, will result in appropriate disciplinary consequences for the perpetrator.