

## **Curriculum and Instruction Department**

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND MR. MARK RAIFF, SUPERINTENDENT

FROM: DR. IAN WEI, STATISTICIAN

**SUBJECT:** HARASSMENT SEMIANNUAL REPORT

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

**CC:** TREASURER, DIRECTORS, PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

The following report fulfills our requirement to semiannually provide the Board of Education President a written summary of all reported incidents of harassment. This memo will be posted on the district website under "Curriculum and Instruction" information (ORC 3319.321).

The following table shows the number of harassment incidents that occurred in Olentangy Local Schools from January through May of 2017.

| Month                | Elementary<br>Schools | Middle<br>Schools | High<br>Schools | Total # of Incidents |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| January              | 1                     | 3                 | 2               | 6                    |
| February             | 1                     | 11                | 1               | 13                   |
| March                | 1                     | 5                 | 3               | 9                    |
| April                | 0                     | 6                 | 2               | 8                    |
| May                  | 0                     | 8                 | 2               | 10                   |
| Total # of Incidents | 3                     | 33                | 10              | 46                   |

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

The following is the definition of harassment 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."