



# BULLYING PREVENTION & INTERVENTION PLAN

EASTHAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MARCH 2023



# TIMELINE & PROCESS

- Biennial Review required by An Act Relative to Bullying in Schools, Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2010 (M.G.L. c. 71, §370)
- Spring 2019 – Substantive review and updated changes to the Plan
- Spring 2021 – Review, no changes due to Covid-19
- Spring 2023 – DESE Tiered-focused Monitoring Review, changes required by updated regulations
- The Plan shall:
  - Describe the methods the school will use to conduct needs assessments, including timelines and leadership roles, and the roles of educators, custodians, bus drivers, athletic coaches, advisors to an extracurricular activity, and paraeducators.
  - Be developed and updated in consultation with a range of school employees, professional support personnel, volunteers, community representatives, local law enforcement agencies, students, and parents/guardians.
  - Be reviewed biennially with notice and a public comment period.

# WHAT'S IN THE PLAN?

- Page 4 – What does the Plan include?
  - Definitions and descriptions
  - Procedures for reporting, investigating, and communicating about bullying
  - Provisions for anonymous and/or false accusations of bullying
  - Strategies for protecting people who report bullying from retaliation
  - Strategies for providing support for targets of bullying
  - Strategies for Professional Development

# CHANGES TO THE PLAN

- Page 12 – reporting
- Page 16 – including law enforcement
- Page 17 – students who are not enrolled in the EPSD

# QUESTIONS

- Public Comment
- Survey posted on website
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