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INTRODUCTION /PURPOSE

The Commissioner of Education developed a program to grade each public school and the school districts efforts to implement the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR) (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46). The School Self-Assessment (Self-Assessment) program grades each public school and school district's efforts to implement the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act* (ABR). Schools and school districts are encouraged to utilize this annual requirement to assess, reinforce and strengthen harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB) prevention and intervention programs, policies and practices.

The Self-Assessment content remains the same as the prior year and the maximum grade a school may receive also remains at 78. The first step of the program is for each school, through its School Safety/School Climate Team, to complete the Self-Assessment. Once the Self-Assessment is completed, the chief school administrator, charter school, or renaissance school project lead person is required to **obtain public comment and board of education approval prior submitting each schools rating to the New Jersey Department of Education.**

The ABR self - assessment outcomes for Pittsgrove Townships Schools applies to the time period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. A rubric is used as a guide for assessing the school's efforts and for determining the required ABR grades. The rubric serves not only as a compliance tool, but as a means of educating school staff on best practices from implementing the ABR and as a mechanism to aide in assessing and improving the ABR programs.

CORE ELEMENTS

The self - assessment tool consist of eight core elements (see chart below) which address all the ABR requirements for schools.

Core Elements	Statutory Citation
#1: HIB Programs, Approaches or other Initiatives	N.J.S.A 18A:37-17a
#2: Training on the BOE-approved HIB policy	N.J.S.A 18A:37-17b and c
#3: Other staff Instruction and Training Programs	N.J.S.A. 18A:6-112,N.J.S.A. 18A:37-22d, N.J.S.A. 18A: 37-26a
#4: Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills	N.J.S.A. 18A:37-29
#5: HIB Personnel	N.J.S.A. 18A:37-20a, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-20c,N.J.S.A. 18A:37-21a
#6: School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure	N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b(5), N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b(6)(a)
#7: HIB Investigation Procedure	N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b(5) and (6)(a) and (b)
#8: HIB Reporting	N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46

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GRADING GUIDE

The grading indicators are listed under each core element. Four discrete and progressive rating categories are provided for each indicator. Criteria are provided for each of the rating categories to be used to determine the appropriate rating for each indicator. School Safety Teams must assign rating based on the criteria and available documentation. A point value will be assigned to each indicator based on the selected rating category as follows:

Δ Does not meet the requirements	–	0 points
Δ Partially meets the requirements	–	1 point
Δ Meets all requirements	-	2 points
Δ Exceeds the requirements	-	3 points

SUBMITTING AND REPORTING THE SCHOOL'S SELF-ASSESSMENT DATA AND GRADES

Once the self-assessment is completed, the district will enter the data from each school into a web-based form. The district may print a Summary Report (see attached) after entering the ratings prior to official submission. Additionally, the Summary Report may be used to obtain public comment and BOE approval. Once BOE approval is granted, the district will formally submit the ratings.

The NJDOE will create District and School Grade Reports of the district-reported ratings for each core element for each school and for the school and district grades. The grade report will be posted on the district folder on the NJDOE Homeroom page. Districts and schools are required to post the grades as follow:

- Δ Each school must post the grade received by the school and the school district on the homepage of the school's website.
- Δ The school district must post the grade received by the district and each school in the school district on the homepage of the school district's website
- Δ Districts and schools must post the grades on the websites within 10 days of the NJDOE notification that the grades are available.
- Δ Districts and school must use the District and School Grade Reports for posting on the appropriate websites.

School district officials are required to review the school and school district grades with the BOE at a public meeting. They will provide the BOE and the public with the opportunity to learn about the district's implementation of the ABR and address any concerns.

**Pittsgrove Township School District
School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades
under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act*
District and School Grade Report**

SCHOOL NAME	CORE ELEMENT 1 (MAX=15)	CORE ELEMEN T 2 (MAX=9)	CORE ELEMEN T 3 (MAX=15)	CORE ELEMEN T 4 (MAX=6)	CORE ELEMEN T 5 (MAX=9)	CORE ELEMEN T 6 (MAX=6)	CORE ELEMENT 7 (MAX=12)	CORE ELEMENT 8 (MAX=6)	SCHOOL GRADE (MAX=78)
A.P. Schalick	12	7	10	6	8	5	10	5	63
PTMS	10	8	10	6	6	5	12	4	61
Olivet	13	8	10	6	7	6	12	5	67
Elmer	13	8	10	6	7	5	12	4	65
Norma	13	8	10	6	7	5	12	4	65

District Total

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