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Dear Holland Patent Families:

The intent of the New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) was to provide students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying, including cyber bullying, on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function. The Dignity Act was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and took effect on July 1, 2012. The amendments to this law can be found [here](#).

Districts will:

- Provide instruction in civility, citizenship, and character education by expanding the concepts of tolerance, respect for others and dignity to include: an awareness and sensitivity in the relations of people, including but not limited to, different races, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identity, and sexes;
- Revise their Codes of Conduct;
- Host a public hearing prior to adopting changes to their Codes of Conduct *{Holland Patent Central Schools held a hearing on August 14, 2013};*
- Include provisions in their Codes of Conduct prohibiting harassment, bullying (including cyber bullying), and discrimination against students by students and/or school employees on school property or at a school function, as well as provisions for responding to acts of discrimination and harassment against students by students and/or school employees on school property or at a school function;

The plain language of the codes must be mailed to all parents and persons in parental relation to the students before the beginning of each school year. Attached is a copy of the plain language. Please visit our [website](#) for more information on the Dignity for All Student Act.

Holland Patent Central School District's Administrative Team