

# Well-Being and Bullying Prevention/Intervention Action Plan 2025/26

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<b>Reflecting on Data</b>
<p>The greatest areas of need for individual schools will be identified through reflecting on 'Have Your Say' data in the categories: <b>Bullying, Safety,</b> and <b>School Climate and Sense of Belonging</b> as outlined in the <a href="#">Halton District School Board's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan 2025-2027</a></p>

## Well-Being Goals and Measures

The goals and measures for the SIPSA Well-Being Plans have been identified for all schools based on board level data.

### SIPSA Goals

- By June 2026, there will be a 5% increase in the percentage of students that enjoy being at school while engaging students in well-being strategies that are grounded in anti-racist, anti-colonial and anti-oppressive practices that support students' identities
- By June 2026, there will be a 5% increase in the percentage of students that feel accepted by students at school while engaging students in well-being strategies that are grounded in anti-racist, anti-colonial and anti-oppressive practices that support students' identities
- By June 2026, there will be a 5% decrease in the percentage of students that have experienced social and verbal bullying while engaging students in well-being strategies that are grounded in anti-racist, anti-colonial and anti-oppressive practices that support students' identities

### Measures

#### *Board*

- Have Your Say Survey System Results
- School Self Assessments
- Administrator and Staff Feedback through Superintendent visits

#### *Schools*

- ongoing evidence gathered through classrooms, student focus groups, school surveys
- collection and reflections of observations, conversations and products
- suspension data/safe school incident reporting
- Reflection at end of year on Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan from the school year
- School Self Assessment

## School Actions: Reaching the Goals

Evidence-based actions to engage staff and students - focussing on *what* schools are to implement.

A number of recommendations are made throughout the [PPM No. 144](#) "Bullying Prevention and Intervention" which directly inform the development of the School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being (SIPSA). All schools are required to include the following actions - for staff and students - in their **Well-Being and Bullying Prevention/Intervention Action Plans**.

### Preventative Actions We Will Take To Support Reaching The Goals (*select from the list below and add in additional school based items as reflected in your SIPSA*)

- Review the [HDSB Code of Conduct](#) with students at the start of the year, using lessons and resources to support understanding.
- Teach students to identify the [various forms of bullying](#), co-creating developmentally appropriate definitions that clarify the difference between rough play, conflict, and bullying.
- Teach and apply **prevention and intervention strategies**, including:
  - Bias-free progressive discipline (considering mitigating and other factors)
  - [The Discriminatory and Harmful Language Protocol](#)
  - The Bullying Response Protocol
- Adults model **emotional validation** with students regularly and make themselves available for supportive conversations
- Build **healthy, supportive relationships** (student-student and student-educator) and promote student voice and engagement opportunities (e.g., Well-Being Teams).
- Support overall **student well-being** by:
  - Encouraging daily physical activity, physical education, and outdoor experiential education
  - valuing the strengths, talents and gifts that every student brings to a classroom
  - Helping students strengthen their mental health literacy
  - Strengthen **school-wide accountability and harm-repair** by identifying response protocols and ensuring adults are actively involved.
- Engage parents, caregivers, and families as partners in well-being and bullying prevention.

### Intervention Actions We Will Take To Support Reaching The Goals:

- use 'teachable moments" within a progressive discipline approach to address inappropriate behaviour and understand that adult intervention is necessary to interrupt bullying
- respond to any student behaviour that is likely to have a negative impact on school climate or learning environments
- provide supports for students who have been bullied, engaged in bullying or witnessed incidents of bullying
- provide ongoing intervention and support to promote and sustain student well-being \*\*\*\*
- employ [HDSB Bullying Response Protocol](#)
- participate in ongoing staff professional learning to build capacity and critical consciousness when addressing bullying
- understand the roles and responsibilities of principals, teachers and students

## Planning School Strategies: Instruction

Schools **select** a **manageable balance** of instructional strategies that are **developmentally appropriate** and focus on bullying prevention and intervention to be implemented by **all** staff.

### Prevention Strategies include:

- co-creating developmentally appropriate definitions of the **various forms of bullying**
- explicitly teaching the five steps from the [Discriminatory and Harmful Language Protocol](#) and the [HDSB Bullying Response Protocol](#) to interrupt different forms of bullying: stop and identify; explain; support; report; and ensure accountability

- ☑ including students in decision making and creating opportunities for student engagement (e.g., students on the Well-Being Team, student consultation, ongoing collaboration, etc.)
- ☑ affirming student identity, voice, and choice
- ☑ using proactive measures to intentionally create inclusive learning spaces for every student
- ☑ knowing and planning for students' strengths, areas for growth and interests
- ☑ engaging student groups and other partners to create school-based anti-racism education campaigns to educate all stakeholders on the Human Rights Code
- ☑ adults model [emotional validation](#) with students regularly and make themselves available for supportive conversations

**Intervention Strategies include:**

- ☑ ensuring every student can identify one caring adult in their school community
- ☑ using “teachable moments” within a progressive discipline approach to address inappropriate behaviour and understand that adult intervention is necessary to interrupt bullying
- ☑ applying the steps from the [Discriminatory and Harmful Language Protocol](#) and the [HDSB Bullying Response Protocol](#) to interrupt different forms of bullying: stop and identify; explain; support; report; and ensure accountability
- ☑ providing supports for students who have been bullied, engaged in bullying or witnessed incidents of bullying, as per the [HDSB Bullying Response Protocol](#)
- ☑ adults reaching out to students and their parents/caregivers when they are concerned about the student’s physical, social or emotional safety and well-being

**Planning School Strategies: Student Engagement and Learning**

Schools to **select** a manageable balance of developmentally appropriate strategies that will engage students in to learn about bullying prevention and intervention.

**Planning School Strategies: Professional Learning**

A year-long professional learning plan must be developed to ensure staff have the required knowledge and skills to lead the learning with students. Identify topics that will be part of the professional learning plan. **Professional Learning** will occur through staff meetings, professional learning days, system professional learning opportunities, school based release time, self - directed Annual Learning Plans, etc. **Schools to select the activities and learning they will engage in during this learning period.**

**Prevention Strategies include:**

- ☑ strengthening inclusive and culturally responsive and relevant teaching
- ☑ participate in professional learning to build capacity and critical consciousness when addressing bullying
- ☑ understanding and implementing a whole child approach to learning
- ☑ understanding learner profiles (e.g., academic, physical, social, emotional, cognitive, self/spirit) and how to differentiate instruction to meet individual student strengths and needs
- ☑ creating affinity (safe and inclusive spaces) within the school (i.e., GSA, Black Student Advisory)
- ☑ learning to engage families to bring an awareness of bullying prevention and intervention strategies and to recognize the signs of bullying behaviour

**Intervention Strategies include:**

- using proactive measures to intentionally create inclusive learning spaces for every student
- responding to any student behaviour that is likely to have a negative impact on school climate or learning environments
- following up after bullying incidents with students, parents, teachers, and other school staff as appropriate
- participating in ongoing professional learning to build capacity and critical consciousness when addressing bullying
- understanding the roles and responsibilities of principals, teachers and students

## Monitoring

Schools will identify ways to monitor student well-being throughout the year by considering what will be monitored, by whom, as well as when and how it will be monitored to ensure this important work takes place. Schools must consider and plan for: **conversations** (e.g., with students, staff, and parents); **observations** (e.g., walk-throughs); and, **products** (e.g., intervention plans, notes). Creating **intervention cycles** to monitor student well-being also supports the identification of students most at risk and provides the opportunity to create intervention plans for these students who may be the bully, the victim, or a witness.

What will be monitored, and by whom?

- Protocols outlined by the HDSB
- instructional practices
- Classroom Observations
- Incident Logs
- Classroom discussions

By Whom

- Classroom teachers
- CYC
- Admin
- Parents

What types of evidence were collected from conversations, observations and products?

What were the greatest successes with students? What grade level(s) experienced the most success? How do you know?

What challenges were encountered? What grade level(s) experienced the most challenges? Why? How could this be improved next year?

What are the next steps? Which students need more support? How can they best be supported?

## Monitoring Progress

School administrators and the Well-Being Team will meet on a regular basis to discuss the effectiveness of selected intervention and prevention strategies as well as the use of resources and planned professional development/. The Well-Being Team should determine what strategies are working, what may not be working and what may need adjusting in order to keep the focus on improving student well-being.

When monitoring progress of the School Actions, consider the following questions as a reflection guide:

What evidence of progress towards the goals were collected?

- ongoing evidence gathered through classroom and school surveys
- collection and reflections of observations, conversations and products
- suspension data
- Have Your Say Survey data
- school based surveys/questionnaires
- other:

What successes occurred as a result of the Action Plan? What successes occurred as a result of the teaching and learning of Bullying Prevention and Intervention Strategies?

What resources were used to support teacher and student learning?

What professional learning was considered to be the most important and helpful? Why?

What challenges were encountered when implementing the Action Plan? Why?

What are the next steps? What bullying prevention and intervention strategies need to change?

What needs to be included in the next year's professional learning plan?

## Resources

- [\*\*Discriminatory and Harmful Language Protocol\*\*](#)
- [\*\*HDSB Bullying Response Protocol\*\*](#)
- [OCT Professional Advisory Addressing Hate and Discrimination](#)
- [PPM 144](#)
- [Bullying Prevention and Intervention](#)
- [Promoting Positive School Environment](#)
- [Healthy Relationships in a Digital World](#)
- [Supporting Bias-Free Progressive Discipline in Schools](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Calls to Action](#)
- [Ministry of Ontario - Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#)
- [PrevNet](#)
- [Respond and Rebuild](#) (ETFO Resource)