2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 90

October 8, 2019 -Introduced by Representatives CROWLEY, ANDERSON, BOWEN, CONSIDINE, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, EMERSON, GRUSZYNSKI, HAYWOOD, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HORLACHER, KOLSTE, MILROY, MURSAU, NEUBAUER, RIEMER, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, C. TAYLOR, Vining, Vruwink and Zamarripa. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing October 2019 as Bullying Prevention Month.

Whereas, there are insufficient opportunities for school staff to participate in bullying prevention education and team building in schools throughout Wisconsin; and

Whereas, there are few opportunities for students and parents to report concerns about bullying anonymously and to receive efficient follow-up on those concerns; and

Whereas, there are few spaces for students to be a part of identifying issues and developing strategies and solutions to prevent bullying in school; and

Whereas, opportunities for students to be part of a replicable peer-leader program as an extracurricular option are lacking; and

Whereas, it is essential to create a flowchart for families to understand the steps that are implemented after suspected bullying has been reported, and whom to contact if these steps are not being followed; and
Whereas, to promote positive peer relationships, all teachers should make and document two positive phone calls about peer relationships per student each year; and

Whereas, the mental well-being of the students and staff would be best served by an increase in mental health services available to students and an increase in communication to families about bullying prevention; and

Whereas, time should be specifically allotted for exploring team-building strategies for bullying prevention education; and

Whereas, to increase communication, all K-8 classrooms should implement Second Step and use the family links letters and information to reinforce at home what is being taught in the classroom; and

Whereas, there should be an annual bullying prevention audit on the fidelity of Second Step and on the implementation in health curriculum of bullying requirements; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature hereby recognizes October 2019 as Bullying Prevention Month and the third Wednesday of October 2019 as Unity Day Against Bullying, a day on which Wisconsin residents are encouraged to wear orange attire.

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