

State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

## **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.

1	Relating to: recognizing October 2019 as Bullying Prevention Month.
2	Whereas, there are insufficient opportunities for school staff to participate in
3	bullying prevention education and team building in schools throughout Wisconsin;
4	and
5	Whereas, there are few opportunities for students and parents to report
6	concerns about bullying anonymously and to receive efficient follow-up on those
7	concerns; and
8	Whereas, there are few spaces for students to be a part of identifying issues and
9	developing strategies and solutions to prevent bullying in school; and
10	Whereas, opportunities for students to be part of a replicable peer-leader
11	program as an extracurricular option are lacking; and
12	Whereas, it is essential to create a flowchart for families to understand the
13	steps that are implemented after suspected bullying has been reported, and whom
14	to contact if these steps are not being followed; and

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1	Whereas, to promote positive peer relationships, all teachers should make and
2	document two positive phone calls about peer relationships per student each year;
3	and
4	Whereas, the mental well-being of the students and staff would be best served
5	by an increase in mental health services available to students and an increase in
6	communication to families about bullying prevention; and
7	Whereas, time should be specifically allotted for exploring team-building
8	strategies for bullying prevention education; and
9	Whereas, to increase communication, all K-8 classrooms should implement
10	Second Step and use the family links letters and information to reinforce at home
11	what is being taught in the classroom; and
12	Whereas, there should be an annual bullying prevention audit on the fidelity
13	of Second Step and on the implementation in health curriculum of bullying
14	requirements; now, therefore, be it
15	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
16	Legislature hereby recognizes October 2019 as Bullying Prevention Month and the
17	third Wednesday of October 2019 as Unity Day Against Bulling, a day on which
18	Wisconsin residents are encouraged to wear orange attire.
19	(END)