What Should I Do If I Think My Child Is Being Bullied?

If you or your child feels that he or she is being bullied, please inform your building principal, a teacher, or your school anti-bullying specialist immediately. The names of these individuals can be found on the school website. More specific information on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) can be found under the Family and Community Corner menu on the district homepage or by clicking here.

The principal and specialist will investigate the incident and report findings to you and parents of other students involved in the incident. Specific interventions, that may lead to discipline and/or mediation and counseling, will be implemented accordingly. You will receive a written correspondence from the building principal, indicating that his/her findings and remedial measures instituted will be reported to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education trustees during the next regularly scheduled meeting of the “Board.”

After the superintendent discusses the incident with the Board in a closed, private session, you have the opportunity (if you choose) to appeal any decision with regard to the incident to the Board of Education. This will occur during a closed meeting prior to the following regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Board will then affirm or reject the findings of the superintendent.

You may appeal the final decision of the Board to the Commissioner of Education.

At any time throughout the process of investigating or reporting the bullying incident, contact the District Anti-Bullying Coordinator or Superintendent of Schools (973-450-3500, ext. 1022) to discuss the process, Board policies and procedures, or other questions or concerns you may have.

Please follow this link to access the Belleville Board of Education’s policy on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying.