

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 2017

ITEM: PROMOTING SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF

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TYPE OF ITEM: STAFF REPORT

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this staff report is to provide the Governing Board and community with information regarding the activities taking place throughout the District to promote a safe, supportive, and collaborative environment for all students and staff.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

AUSD's Governing Board, District staff, and members of the Albany community continue to engage in dialogue around strategies to ensure respect, inclusion, and empathy for all members of the AUSD learning community. District staff will highlight some of the steps students, staff, and community members are taking to improve the culture and climate of our school community.

DETAILS:

No Place for Hate

No Place for Hate is an organizing framework for schools committed to creating sustainable change that leads to improved school climate. Participating schools are able to incorporate the Anti-Defamation League's anti-bias and anti-bullying resources with their existing programming to form one powerful message that all students have a place to belong.

Several of our schools are participating in activities that will result in their designation as No Place for Hate schools. No Place for Hate Schools:

- Build inclusive and safe communities in which respect is the goal, and all students can thrive.

- Empower students, faculty, administration and family members to take a stand against hate and bullying by incorporating new and existing programs under one powerful message.
- Engage schools and communities in at least three anti-bias activities per year, which Anti-Defamation League helps to develop.
- Send a clear, unified message that all students have a place to belong.

As part of the staff report, some of the activities taking place at sites will be highlighted.

STRATEGIC GOALS ADDRESSED:



Objective #3: Communicate and Lead Together. Goal: All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.

RECOMMENDATION: RECEIVE THE STAFF REPORT ON PROMOTING SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS