

# BIG WALNUT

## LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

70 N Walnut Street • Galena, Ohio 43021

### MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND STEVE MAZZI, SUPERINTENDENT

FROM: GARY BARBER, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: BULLYING/HARASSMENT SEMIANNUAL REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2012

CC: BUILDING PRINCIPALS AND DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The following report fulfills our requirement to semiannually provide the board president of the district a written summary of all reported incidents of harassment. This memo will be posted on the district website under Links. (ORC 3319.321)

The following table shows the number of harassment incidents that occurred in Big Walnut Local Schools from August 2011 through January of 2012.

Month	Elementary School Incidents	Middle School Incidents	High School Incidents
August	0	0	0
September	0	0	1
October	0	0	0
November	1	0	1
December	0	0	1
January	0	0	1
February	0	0	0
March	0	0	0
April	0	0	0
May	0	0	0
June	0	0	0
July	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

All of these incidents were dealt with at the building level. We will continue to monitor the frequency of such incidents as the year continues.

The following is the definition of harassment by the Ohio Department of Education:

“Harassment, intimidation or bullying means any intentional written, verbal, graphic, or physical act OR electronically transmitted acts, i.e., Internet, cell phone, personal digital assistance (PDA) or wireless hand-held device that a student or group of students exhibited toward other particular student more than once and the behavior both:

- a. Causes mental or physical harm to the other student, and
- b. Is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student.