The Board of Education approved the new Policy KGC – Bullying By Parents at their August 7, 2013 meeting.

This change was precipitated by House Bill No. 2162 ("HB 2162"), which was passed by the 2013 Legislature, now requiring schools to prohibit the bullying of students and staff by parents.

As KASB suggested to the legislature this session, we are actually extremely limited in how we may "control" parent behavior for lack of jurisdiction absent statutory authority to discipline them. The highlighted section describes actions we feel are within the district's control which may be used to respond to parents bullying students or staff.

KGC Bullying by Parents (See EBC, GAAE, JDDC, KGD)

The board of education, in its commitment to provide a positive and productive learning and working environment for its students and staff in accordance with state law, prohibits bullying in any form either by any student, staff member, or parent towards a student or by a student, staff member, or parent towards a staff member on or while using school property, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event. For the purposes of this policy, the term "bullying" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Kansas law.

The administration shall propose, and the board shall review and approve a plan to address bullying as prohibited herein.

Parents participating in prohibited bullying conduct aimed at district students and/or staff members may jeopardize their access to district facilities; district property; school sponsored activities, programs, and events; and/or district students and/or staff members through the district's communication systems. As appropriate, reports to local law enforcement will be filed to report criminal bullying behaviors.

This policy and the district bullying plan shall be posted on the district's website and copies of such documents shall be made available to parents of current students upon request.

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