

MEMORANDUM

To: School Superintendents and Principals

From: Cathy Danyluk, Director,
Office of Student Services

Date: August 3, 2018

Re: Positive School Discipline and Bullying Surveys

During the 2018 legislative session, two bills were passed and signed into law that require the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to survey school corporations. HB1421, which became Public Law 151 with the Governor's signature, requires IDOE to conduct a survey "to determine the extent to which positive discipline and restorative practices are being utilized" in Indiana school corporations.

In addition, HB 1356, which is now Public Law 83, requires a statewide survey concerning the school corporation's obligation to report incidents of bullying under IC 20-34-6-1(8).

The Office of Student Services and the Division of School Building Physical Security and Safety collaborated on the creation of the surveys and combined them into one document in order to make the submission of the surveys more convenient for school corporation personnel.

We request that only one survey be submitted per school corporation. For this reason, we are collecting the school corporation number and the title of the person submitting the survey on behalf of the school corporation. Please be assured that the survey responses will not be attributed to specific school corporations. Responses gathered through the survey will be aggregated and not reported individually. In addition, HB 1421 prohibits IDOE from requiring a school corporation to adopt all or part of the model discipline plan or from conducting reviews of school discipline policies, other than the ones IDOE currently conducts.

To access the survey, please click this link: <https://form.jotform.com/81366216929969>. All responses must be submitted by August 10, 2018.

If you have questions about this memo or the survey, please contact me at cdanyluk@doe.in.gov or 317-232-9150.