

Schedule "Bullying Prevention and Response" for YOUR school!

Vermont-NEA offers presentations of the new two-hour ***Bullying Prevention and Response*** workshop at Vermont schools. The session includes video clips, dialogue, case studies, a Powerpoint presentation, and pre- and post-workshop questionnaires.

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"This workshop fills a great need for both educators and school districts working to meet their obligations around the issue of bullying."



Vermont-NEA
Presents

"Bullying Prevention and Response"

A workshop designed to help educators and school staffs prevent bullying

The statistics about bullying in schools are eye-openers:

✓ 86% of children between the ages of 12 and 15, including both boys and girls, report that they get teased or bullied at school.

✓ Bullying occurs in school playgrounds every 7 minutes and once every 25 minutes in class.

✓ Bystanders, other kids watching, are present 85% of the time when there is a bully episode on the playground or in the classroom.

✓ When peers step in, the bullying stops within ten seconds 57% of the time. However, bystanders step in only 10% of the time.

✓ More than 50% of children between the ages of 8 and 11 reported that bullying is a “big problem” at school.

✓ In many cases, bullying can lead to childhood depression. In extreme circumstances, bullying can lead to childhood suicide.

Our Vermont Legislature stepped up to the issue of bullying in 2004 with Act 117, which defines bullying in schools and establishes requirements for dealing with it. Vermont-NEA has responded with training that supports educators.

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Bullying Prevention and Response in Vermont Schools is the result of Vermont-NEA's work to support educators who must deal with the meanness and damage done by bullying in our public schools. It is a two-hour workshop designed to:

- ✓ Help educators and school staffs prevent bullying.
- ✓ Intervene effectively when it occurs.
- ✓ Develop commitments to address and report bullying.
- ✓ Understand educators' and schools' responsibilities under Vermont Legislative Act 117 of 2004 related to bullying in Vermont schools.

Bullying Prevention and Response in Vermont Schools, which is available to school districts now, was designed by Kathy A. Johnson of Vermont Equity Training & Consulting. The free 2-hour sessions will be facilitated by members of the Vermont-NEA Bullying Prevention and Intervention Training Team. Educators attending the workshop will:



Consider the impact and importance of bullying prevention.

Review the definitions of bullying and harassment as defined in Vermont law.

Analyze case studies to clarify distinctions between bullying and harassment.

Review a continuum of behaviors related to bullying.

Examine what schools must do to comply with Vermont law regarding bullying.

Consider immediate and long-term plans for bullying prevention and intervention.