



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Safe School Climate Coordinators

FROM: Debra Kurshan, Chief Turnaround Officer

DATE: May 31, 2013

SUBJECT: Requirements Under P.A. 11-232, "An Act Concerning the Strengthening of School Bully Laws"

P.A. 11-232, portions of which have been codified at Section 10-222d of the Connecticut General Statutes, became effective July 1, 2011. There are many detailed components to this statute that affect local districts, and individual public, magnet and charter schools, as well as students, faculty/staff and parents/guardians. Please see the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) letter and accompanying assessments on our Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2700&Q=322402> for additional information. One of those requirements is that each school must conduct Safe School Climate Assessments (SSCA) and report the results to the CSDE.

This memo is intended to provide guidance for compliance with this requirement. The CSDE has developed a "Trend" Survey that we are asking each school in the district to complete after completing the school climate assessments. We have attached a PDF of the survey for your information.

Climate Assessments are school-based and each school's data must be entered and submitted individually. This is not a district report. As the District Coordinator, we are asking that you work with the Safe School Climate Specialist in each school to complete this survey at <https://csde.ct.gov/>. Given that the ED166 is a district report, individual Safe School Climate Specialists may not have direct access to it. We are asking that you complete the entry of this survey data by July 19, 2013. This is also the deadline for completing the ED166.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Jo Ann Freiberg at joann.freiberg@ct.gov, 860-713-6598, or Kathleen Wedge at kathleen.wedge@ct.gov, 860-713-6792. Please contact your local education agency Security Manager to assign roles for access to the SSCA.

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cc: Superintendents of Schools

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