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Proclamation Naming October 2026 as VSBA Bullying Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) believes that every student deserves a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment in which to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, bullying remains a significant concern that can negatively impact student well-being, academic achievement, and school climate; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, social, and electronic conduct, and may occur both on and off school grounds; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's school boards play a critical role in establishing policies, supporting positive school cultures, and promoting environments where all students feel safe, respected, and valued; and

WHEREAS, preventing bullying requires ongoing collaboration among school boards, educators, students, families, and communities to encourage respectful behavior, address harmful conduct, and support student success; and

WHEREAS, VSBA provides leadership, advocacy, sample policies, and resources to assist local school boards in fostering positive school climates and preventing bullying behaviors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia School Boards Association recognizes the month of October 2026 as VSBA Bullying Prevention Month, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Virginia schools and classrooms during that time.

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