

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2018, Legislative Day No. 6

Resolution No. 8-18

Introduced by Mr. Trumbauer and Mr. Smith

By the County Council, March 19, 2018

1 RESOLUTION condemning bullying and harassment in our schools and our
2 communities

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4 WHEREAS, the County Council has recently received testimony from children,
5 parents, and alumni regarding incidents of bullying, harassment, and criminal
6 behavior in several County public schools; and

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8 WHEREAS, recent reports of harassment of minority students increases the County
9 Council's concern regarding safety and security in our public schools and
10 communities;

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12 WHEREAS, the County Executive has recently announced the Administration's
13 intention to increase funding by \$15 million to address school safety concerns;

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15 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes recent efforts to improve security in
16 public schools as a necessary first step to improving safety and security for students
17 in County schools;

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19 WHEREAS, the County Council encourages the Board of Education and the
20 County Police Department to review their bullying and harassment reporting
21 processes to ensure that all accounts of bullying and harassment are properly
22 investigated and that findings are communicated to complainants in a timely matter
23 in accordance with privacy laws;

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25 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes that bullying and harassment is a
26 concern not only in our schools but also in the workplace, in communities, and on
27 social media;

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29 WHEREAS, the County Council requests that the Board of Education, the County
30 Health Department, and the Anne Arundel County Police Department provide the
31 County Council and the public with information regarding their bullying prevention
32 efforts, including steps taken to address incidents like those raised at recent County
33 Council meetings and any resolutions reached as a result of investigations of these
34 bullying incidents; now, therefore, be it

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36 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, that it hereby asks*
37 *the Anne Arundel County Board of Education, the Superintendent of Anne Arundel County*
38 *Public Schools, the County Police Chief, and the County Health Officer to report to the*

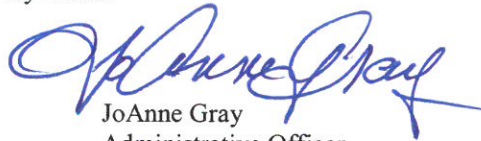
1 County Council the steps taken to prevent bullying, harassment, or similar criminal
2 behavior as well as any resolutions achieved in this area; and be it further

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4 *Resolved*, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Julie Hummer, President, Board
5 of Education; George Arlotto, Ed.D., Superintendent, Anne Arundel County Public
6 Schools; Timothy J. Altomare, Chief of Police; and Frances B. Phillips, R.N., M.H.A.,
7 Acting Health Officer.

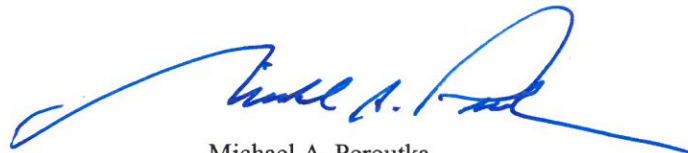
READ AND PASSED this 19th day of March, 2018

By Order:



JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 8-18 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Michael A. Peroutka
Chairman