

## **ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS ACT**

New Jersey's "Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act" was signed into law in January 2011 and is one of the most comprehensive anti-bullying measures in the country. The South Orange-Maplewood School District has appointed an anti-bullying coordinator both at the district and school level and has developed reporting procedures.

Columbia High School's Anti-Bullying Specialist, Matthew Endlich, can be reached at (973) 762-5600, Ext. 1019 or [mendlich@somsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:mendlich@somsd.k12.nj.us).

The district's Anti-Bullying Coordinator Ms. Jessica de Koninck, In-House Counsel, can be reached at [jdekonin@somsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:jdekonin@somsd.k12.nj.us) or (973) 762-5600, ext. 1849.

The first week in October has been designated "Week of Respect". Age appropriate programs are being planned in each school to prevent harassment, intimidation and bullying by supporting the social and emotional needs of children.

For more information about this board policy including district and CHS initiatives, please link to the district website and view [Board policy 5512, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying](#) which can be found under Board of Education>Policy Manual. Also on the site is a form [to report allegations of harassment, intimidation, and bullying](#).