

We know that a safe, inclusive and accepting school is essential for student achievement and well-being.

That is why the government introduced Bill 13, the Accepting Schools Act, which has now been passed into law.

What is Bill 13?

Bill 13 requires school boards to prevent and address inappropriate and disrespectful behaviour among students in our schools. These behaviours include bullying, discrimination and harassment. The new law makes it clear that these behaviours are unacceptable in our schools. It promotes respect and understanding

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school days will receive a homework package.

- o Provide training and information to teachers and

Consider tougher consequences for students who bully others. This can include suspending and considering expulsion if:

- P the student has already been suspended for bullying and the student's presence in the school creates an unacceptable risk to the safety of others, or
- P the bullying was motivated by bias, prejudice or hate.

The Education Act already requires supports for suspended and expelled students:

- P If students are expelled or on long-term
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will receive academic/non-academic support through a suspension/expulsion program



Boards are required to:

- Set up a process for parents to follow if they have concerns about the support their child is receiving.
- Develop a procedure that allows students, parents and others to safely report incidents of bullying.
- Conduct school climate surveys of staff, students and parents at least every two years.
- Offer parents more opportunities to learn about student safety and school climate.

How does Bill 13 support students?

Bill 13 requires:

- Schools to provide support to students who have engaged in inappropriate behaviour or been

