



State Department of Education's Response to Negotiated Rulemaking on BULLYING HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION

Docket No. 08-0202-1602

Negotiated rulemaking was conducted on the addition to rule regarding Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation. In compliance with Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, notice was published in the Administrative Bulletin. In addition, notice was distributed through a press release and on the State Department of Education's (SDE) website. A draft of the rule, public comment forms, and links to an online survey were available through our website. In April, six public meetings across the state were conducted expressly to receive comment.

Limited feedback was offered about the proposed rule. At one of the public meetings, the single piece of feedback received was related to concerns from a school district about the definition of bullying and harassment, and clarification on the reporting requirements of districts. After explaining the SDE's focus on support, guidance and technical assistance, details regarding reporting, and the importance of local discussion regarding what bullying and harassment look like, no changes were proposed. Further details on the intent of the rule and the SDE actions to support districts in adhering to the rule put the concern to rest.