Outline of Testimony by Marty O'Shea, HWRSD Supt of Schools Commission on Bullying Prevention

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Positive Outcomes of the Bullying Law

- ✓ Community Conversations
- ✓ Common Language
- ✓ Common Understandings
- ✓ Benefits Associated with Developing the Bullying Plan
- ✓ Heightened Awareness

The Police and the Schools

- ✓ School and Police Cooperation around Bullying
- ✓ Bullying and Harassment Protection Orders
- ✓ The Role of the School Resource Officer: The HWRSD Experience

Confidentiality, the Student Record and Bullying

✓ Have expectations around confidentiality changed

Recommendations to Strengthen the Bullying Law

- ✓ Take a wider approach: Bullying prevention and intervention within a broader, comprehensive approach to school safety and positive school climates
- ✓ Examples from the Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District
- ✓ Thoughts on parental accountability