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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of education to post contact information for each school related to reporting incidents of bullying, harassment, intimidation and discrimination

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 18 of title 21-A of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by a local law for the year 2017 amending the administrative code of the city of New York relating to requiring the department of education to report information on student-to-student bullying, harassment, intimidation and discrimination, as proposed in introduction number 1757-A, is amended by adding a new section 21-981 to read as follows:

§ 21-981 Posting of contact information for reports of bullying, harassment, intimidation, and discrimination. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Dignity act coordinator. The term “dignity act coordinator” means the person or persons identified pursuant to paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 13 of the education law as the school employee charged with receiving reports of harassment, bullying and discrimination, and responsible for discharging the responsibilities of the dignity act coordinator pursuant to subdivision jj of section 100.2 of title 8 of the New York codes, rules and regulations.

School. The term “school” means a school of the city school district of the city of New York that contains any combination of grades from and including pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

b. Information on department website. The department shall post conspicuously on its website the

following information:

1. information providing guidance to students, parents and staff members regarding how to report incidents of bullying, harassment, intimidation or discrimination, including information about the school-based staff to whom such reports may be made pursuant to any department policy or chancellor's regulation governing the same;

2. any email addresses designated by the department through which students, parents or staff may report incidents of bullying, harassment, intimidation or discrimination; and

3. information guiding students, parents and staff members to visit their individual school's website for additional information.

c. Information on individual school websites. The department shall post on each school's individual website the following information:

1. information providing guidance to students, parents and staff members regarding how to report incidents of bullying, harassment, intimidation or discrimination, including the school-based staff to whom such reports may be made pursuant to any department policy or chancellor's regulation governing the same;

2. the name, email address and phone number of such school's dignity act coordinator; and

3. any email addresses designated by the department through which students, parents or staff may report incidents of bullying, harassment, intimidation or discrimination.

d. Updates. The department shall update the names and contact information posted pursuant to this section at least twice per school year, as necessary.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 60 days after a local law amending the administrative code of the city of New York relating to requiring the department of education to report information on student-to-student bullying, harassment, intimidation and discrimination, as proposed in introduction number 1757-A, takes effect.

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