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To: Members of the Wisconsin State Assembly

From: Wisconsin Education Association Council

Date: April 14, 2010

Re: Support for Senate Bill 154, relating to school bullying

The Wisconsin Education Association Council supports Senate Bill 154 which requires the Department of Public Instruction to develop a model school policy on bullying and requires school boards to adopt a policy on bullying, a 2009-10 WEAC Legislative Agenda item.

A working classroom is one where the learning environment is safe and supportive. Every kid deserves a great school, and bullying endangers the safety of pupils by creating a hostile environment that interferes with learning. Adopting an anti-bullying policy in every school district sends a clear message that bullying is against school rules and will not be tolerated. Implementing such a policy will foster an improved social climate and more positive attitudes towards schoolwork and school.

School bullying is a community issue. Through the involvement of educators, school authorities, parents and children, bullying can be addressed in a systematic, thoughtful and caring way with the school anti-bullying policy acting as a guide.

Wisconsin takes pride in great schools, and our state is recognized nationally for its safe schools. Schools and communities need to use comprehensive approaches to keep schools, students, and school staff safe. Adopting anti-bullying policies in all school districts is an important step in the process.

For all of these reasons, please support Senate Bill 154.

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