

The Dignity for All Students Act

New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) took effect on July 1, 2012. Just as with the District's Code of Conduct, the new law seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, school buses, and/or at school functions. The Dignity Act includes, but is not limited to, acts of discrimination and harassment based on a student's race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (defined to include gender identity or expression), or sex.

The new law calls for each school to appoint a Dignity Act Coordinator who is trained to address issues in areas protected by the law and is accessible to the school community. The Dignity Act Coordinator in the Green Island Union Free School District (Heatly School) is the school social worker. The name and contact information for the school social worker is listed below. If you have any questions about this Code of Conduct, please also contact the principal of your school.

Dignity Act Coordinator	Kendell Hardy, 273-1422, extension 1128
Principal	Erin Peteani, 273-1422, extension 2013