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Dear Andes Central School Community,

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was signed into law on September 13, 2010, and took effect on July 1, 2012. This important legislation ensures that all public elementary and secondary school students in New York State have a safe and supportive learning environment free from discrimination, intimidation, harassment, bullying, or taunting, whether on school property, a school bus, or at a school function.

The Dignity Act also broadens the scope of civility, citizenship, and character education, emphasizing the importance of tolerance, respect, and dignity for all. It promotes awareness and sensitivity in how we interact with others, regardless of race, weight, national origin, ethnicity, religion, religious practices, mental or physical ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex.

At Andes Central School, we are committed to fostering a culture of respect and inclusivity. As part of this commitment, we have designated Dignity Act Coordinators available to support students, staff, and families. You can contact **Superintendent Collins or Ms. Candreva** if you have concerns or questions. Additionally, as the DASA Coordinator, I am always available to ensure a safe and welcoming school environment for every student.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our school. We're here to help and support our students in every way possible.

Sincerely,
Chris Aguirre
Principal & **DASA Coordinator**
Andes Central School