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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

The Dignity Act was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and took effect on July 1, 2012. New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) 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, a school bus and/or at a school function.

This legislation amended State Education Law by creating Dignity for All Students. The Dignity Act also amended New York State Education Law regarding instruction in civility, citizenship, and character education by expanding the concepts of tolerance, respect for others and dignity to include: an awareness and sensitivity in the relations of people, including but not limited to, different races, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identity, and sexes. Lastly, the Act requires there to be a Dignity Act Coordinator(s); that said Andes has three individuals whom you can contact and or meet with regarding concerns. Those individuals are Ms. Brittany Golden, Ms. Dora Chambers, and Ms. Maureen Burton. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact our school.

Respectfully,

Robert L. Chakar, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent of School