Bishop Feehan High School Bullying Addendum to *Student Handbook* 8.18.10

Bullying and/or cyber-bulling are intolerable. The person or persons inflicting such distress will be subject to disciplinary action ranging from warnings and detentions to, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion. Bishop Feehan High School will distribute, for student and parent signatures a bullying and harassment plan that will be considered part of the *Student Handbook.*

"Bullying" is the repeated use by one or more students of a written, verbal, or electronic expression or a physical act or gesture or any combination thereof, directed at a victim that : causes physical or emotional harm to the victim or damage to the victim's property; places the victim in reasonable fear of harm to himself or of damage to his property; creates a hostile environment at school for the victim; infringes on the rights of the victim at school; or materially and substantially disrupts the educational process or the orderly operation of the school.

"Cyber-bullying" is bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photo electronic or photo optical system, including, but not limited to, electronic mail, internet communications, instant messages, or facsimile communications. Cyber-bullying shall also include: the creation of a web page or blog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person or the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages, if the creation or impersonation creates any of the conditions enumerated in the definition of bullying. Cyber-bullying shall also include the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons, if the distribution or posting creates any of the conditions included in the definition of bullying.

Regarding the location of bullying, the legislation states that bullying shall be prohibited: 1.) On school grounds, property immediately adjacent to school grounds, at a school sponsored or school related activity, function, or program whether on or off school grounds, at a school bus stop, on a school bus or other vehicle owned, leased, or used by a school district or school, or through the use of technology or an electronic device owned, leased, or used by a school district or school and; 2.) at a location, activity, function, or program that is not school related, or through the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by a school district or school, if the bullying creates a hostile environment at school for the victim, infringes on the rights of the victim at school or materially and substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of a school.

The education of a student is a partnership between the parents and the school. The school administration reserves the right to require the withdrawal of a student if the administration determines the partnership is irretrievably broken.

Please Note: The parent and student signatures on the form of page 72 of the printed and bound *Student Handbook* are verification of awareness of the policies above and in the amended on-line version of the *Student Handbook*.