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“BACK TO SCHOOL” REMINDER: BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PLANS

As the new school year begins, we'd like to remind schools of their obligations under the Massachusetts Anti-Bullying Law, M.G.L. c. 71, §370 (the “Law”). The Law, which was enacted in 2010, required public schools, charter schools, and private schools to develop a bullying prevention and intervention plan by December 31, 2010. The Law requires these schools to update their bullying prevention and intervention plans at least every two years. Some schools will find that as their plans were implemented, certain bullying prevention approaches were expanded, while others are ready to be phased out. In addition, schools must insure that all areas of compliance are up to date.

When updating their bullying prevention and intervention plans, schools may consider the Model Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan produced by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, which is available at:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/bullying/ModelPlan.pdf>

Please contact Attorneys Elka Sachs (esachs@kb-law.com) or Anjali Waikar (awaikar@kb-law.com) if you have any questions or if you would like assistance with your bullying prevention and intervention plan.