

## **DASA INFORMATION AND BULLYING COMPLAINT FORM**

The North Babylon School District Board of Education has adopted a **Code of Conduct** for students and all those who are present on the school district property. The Code of Conduct is intended to promote behavior that is safe, orderly, respectful, trustworthy and civil.

The Code of Conduct addresses the requirements of the **Dignity for All Students Act**. The New York State Dignity for All Student's Act (Dignity Act or DASA), which took effect July 1, 2012 was established to provide a school environment free of discrimination and harassment. Amended on July 1, 2013, the act now includes the term bullying and prohibits acts of cyberbullying. **DASA states that no students shall be subjected to harassment by employees or students, nor shall any student be subjected to discrimination based on their actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or sex.** The law applies to school property and any school-sponsored function or activity. Under this law, school districts are responsible for preventing, monitoring and addressing bullying through staff training to raise awareness and sensitivity of school employees to issues of harassment and discrimination, sensitivity and tolerance curricula for students, as well as presorting acts of bullying to the New York State Education Department through the defined reporting system.

To report an incident of bullying, please download, complete and send the Bullying complaint form to the appropriate DASA Coordinator. (form located under Board Policies #7552)