



# North Arlington Public Schools

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## Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) Presentations

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On January 5, 2011, the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABBRA) was adopted, and took effect at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year throughout all public schools in New Jersey. School districts were now required to adopt specific policies, provide professional development, establish school safety teams, follow reporting and investigation guidelines, conduct self-assessments on the overall progress of each school to be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and post relevant information on our school-based websites.

In addition to these requirements, last school year North Arlington Public Schools introduced two key presentations: Dr. Mykee Fowlin (*Even Small Crayons Make Bright Marks*) for all grade levels and Mr. and Mrs. Sefcik (*Remembering T.J. ... by raising awareness for mental health*) for secondary-aged students and parents in the evening.

As a result of the successful feedback from these presentations, along with an unfortunate rise in HIB investigations during the winter months, an announcement was made at each *Back-to-School* night in September that North Arlington Public Schools would again schedule at least two presentations, specifically before and after winter break to bring further awareness to students, staff, and parents about the seriousness of HIB and mental health.

Our first presentation is scheduled as follows:

**Presenter: Allyson Pereira**

**Topic: Anti-Bullying/Sexting Awareness**

**Website: <https://www.allysonpereira.com/>**

**Date: Monday – December 3, 2018**

Location/Time: North Arlington High School (8:30 a.m.) STUDENTS/STAFF ONLY

Location/Time: North Arlington Middle School (12:00 p.m.) STUDENTS/STAFF ONLY

Location/Time: North Arlington Middle School (1:00 p.m.) STUDENTS/STAFF ONLY

**Location/Time: North Arlington High School's Gymnasium (6:30 p.m.) PARENTS/STAFF ONLY (PreK-12)**

We ask that everyone attend this very important presentation so that our joint efforts can continue to help keep our children safe.

Information regarding our upcoming presentations for our elementary-aged students and second presentation for our secondary-aged students will be released after winter break.

Please contact your child(ren)'s building principal(s) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Stephen Yurchak, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools