

**THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SETAUKET, NEW YORK**

BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA MATERIALS

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: JULY 13, 2016 DATE OF MATERIALS SUBMITTED: 07/08/16

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES / 11 CATEGORY OF ITEM: ORGANIZATIONAL

TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF DASA COORDINATOR 2016-2017

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools be it resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Catherine Taldone, as the District DASA Coordinator, and a principal and social worker from each building as Building DASA Coordinators for the 2016-2017 school year.

BACKGROUND RATIONALE:

This Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) legislation amended State Education Law by creating a new Article 2 – Dignity for All Students. The Dignity Act also amended Section 801-a of 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. The Dignity Act further amended Section 2801 of the Education Law by requiring Boards of Education to include language addressing The Dignity Act in their codes of conduct.

Additionally, under the Dignity Act, schools will be responsible for collecting and reporting data regarding material incidents of discrimination and harassment.

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