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The following report fulfills our requirement to semiannually provide the Board of Education President a written summary of all reported incidents of harassment. This memo will be posted on the district Web site under the Data, Research and Accountability Department. (ORC 3319.321)

The following table shows the number of harassment incidents that occurred in Olentangy Local Schools from August through December of 2008.

Month	Elementary School Incidents	Middle School Incidents	High School Incidents
August	0	0	0
September	0	6	0
October	1	4	5
November	0	4	0
December	0	5	0

All of these incidents were dealt with at the building level. We will continue to monitor the frequency of such incidents as the year continues.

The following is the definition of harassment by the Ohio Department of Education:

“Harassment, intimidation or bullying means any intentional written, verbal, graphic or physical act OR electronically transmitted acts, i.e., Internet, cell phone, personal digital assistance (PDA) or wireless hand-held device that a student or group of students exhibited toward other particular student more than once and the behavior both:

- a. Causes mental or physical harm to the other student; and,
- b. Is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student.”

Olentangy Local Schools understands the seriousness of bullying and harassment. The Parent Programs Team (PPT) is providing a Parent Forum on February 4 at 7:00 p.m. at OHS related to bullying and harassment. They have a national speaker on the topic and will be addressing the district's policy on bullying.