



## **Statement from Sal Colella, Plum Borough School District Board President October 27, 2015**

We are pleased to be voting tonight on a new policy on the subject of "Maintaining Professional Adult/Students Boundaries." This policy is an eight-page document that outlines what might seem obvious to most. However, we cannot take for granted that anyone will practice or adhere to obvious regulations when it comes the interaction between adults and students. This policy, still in draft form, is currently available on the District's web site.

During the past several weeks, our Board has reviewed and amended this policy, which is modeled after a policy that was recently drafted by the Pennsylvania School Board Association. This Board and our Solicitor vetted the policy.

During the next few weeks, we plan to solicit feedback on this policy from staff, parents and the Safe and Supportive Schools Advisory Council. Based on feedback that we receive, administrative regulations will be developed to provide any further necessary clarification or direction. Over the next month, we will prepare training modules to in-service all of our full and part-time employees, coaches, volunteers, parent groups and contractors who interact with our children. Our deadline for full Policy implementation is December 22, 2015.

This is an important and purposeful step we are taking in order to safeguard our children, and to create an indisputable standard of conduct in our school community.