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Subject: Re: Working Group on Student Protections from Harassment and Discrimination in Schools

Hi, Xusana. We've read carefully both versions/all sections of the drafts. Overall, AOE supports the "Chelsea" version of the walkthrough, as the language seems more direct, clear. However, we worked with Amanda and V on the chronic absenteeism section and support Amanda's version (particularly if we just stick with harassment, the focus of our work group; remove bullying). Perhaps the group can work on integrating both versions for that section of the report?

AOE does not support reverting back to S.103 language this late in the game.

Thanks for your leadership of this important work.

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