

# Christina School District

## 2010-2011 Student Code of Conduct Review Committee

First Meeting – January 7, 2010  
Keene Elementary School



# Timeline for Review Process

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- **January 7**, 7:00 p.m., Keene Elementary School  
Kick-off meeting and discussion
- **January 19-21** – Student focus groups
- **January 27**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sarah Pyle Academy Café  
Review of Code of Conduct language/consequences
- **February 17**, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Marshall Elementary School  
Follow-up review
- **March 3**, 2010, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Eden Support Services Center Library  
Community forum
- **March 24**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sarah Pyle Academy Café  
Community forum
- **April 14**, 4:00-6:00 p.m., McVey Elementary School  
Final review/modifications
- **April 20** – proposed changes submitted to Board
- **May 5** – Board vote on final approval

# How does the Code of Conduct Review tie in with the Strategic Planning process?

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One topic being explored in the Strategic Planning process is *Learning Environments*

- Emotional and social wellness of students
- Rapport and respect among staff, students and parents
- A culture for learning in all classrooms
- Opportunities for the future for all students
- Well-rounded experiences for all students
- Students and teachers who are engaged in learning
- Well-managed Classrooms
- Adequate facilities

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Another topic being explored in the Strategic Planning process is *Welcoming Parents and the Community as Partners*

- Schools that are welcoming
- Parent involvement strategies
- Communication between home and school
- Parent training
- Community support of schools
- Partnerships and outreach.

# Current Discipline Data – 2008-present

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**There is some good news!**

- **The number of District behavior referrals, suspensions, alternative placements, and expulsions is significantly down from last year**

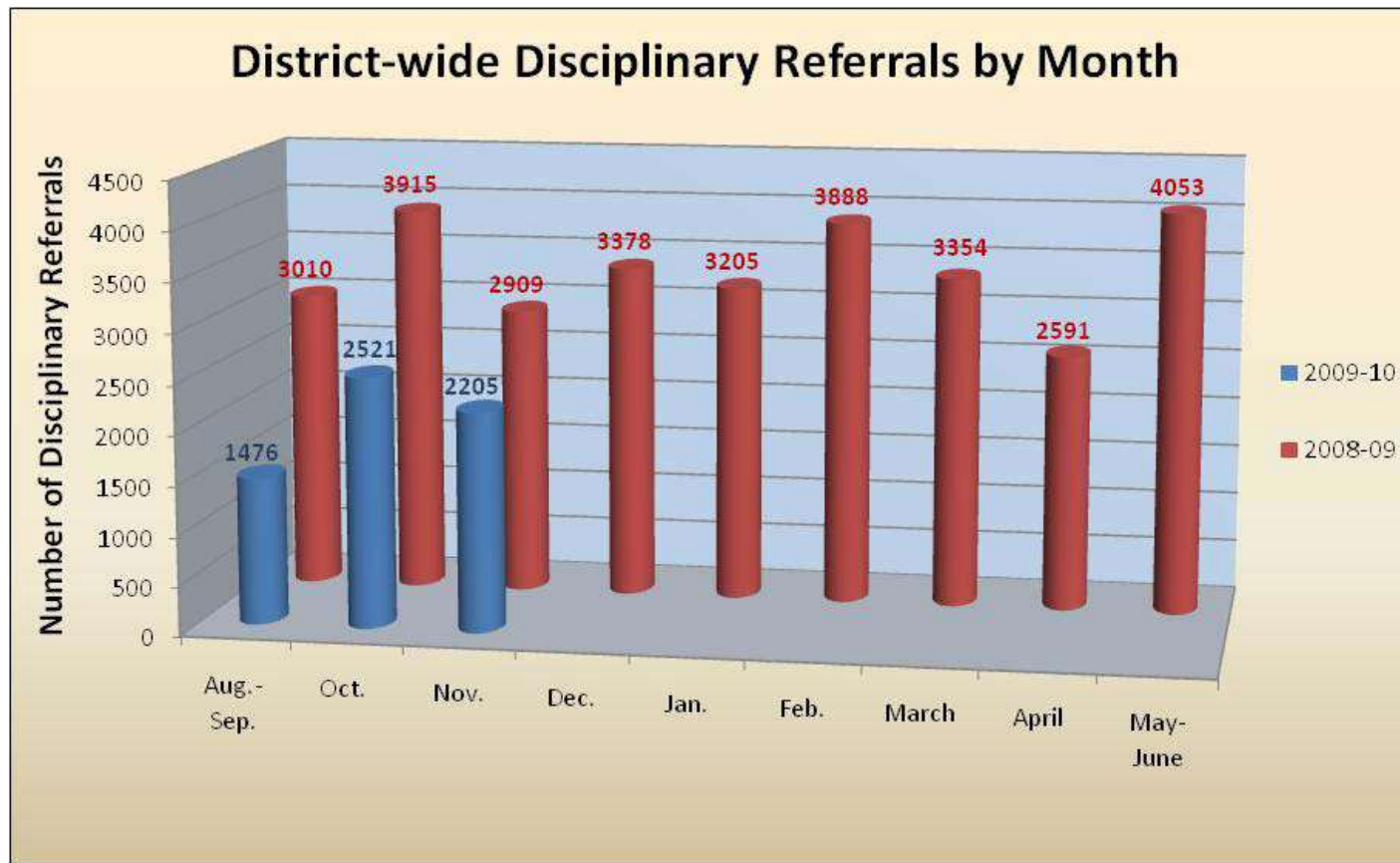
- Last year at this time there were **72** alternative placement hearings

- This year there have been **52**

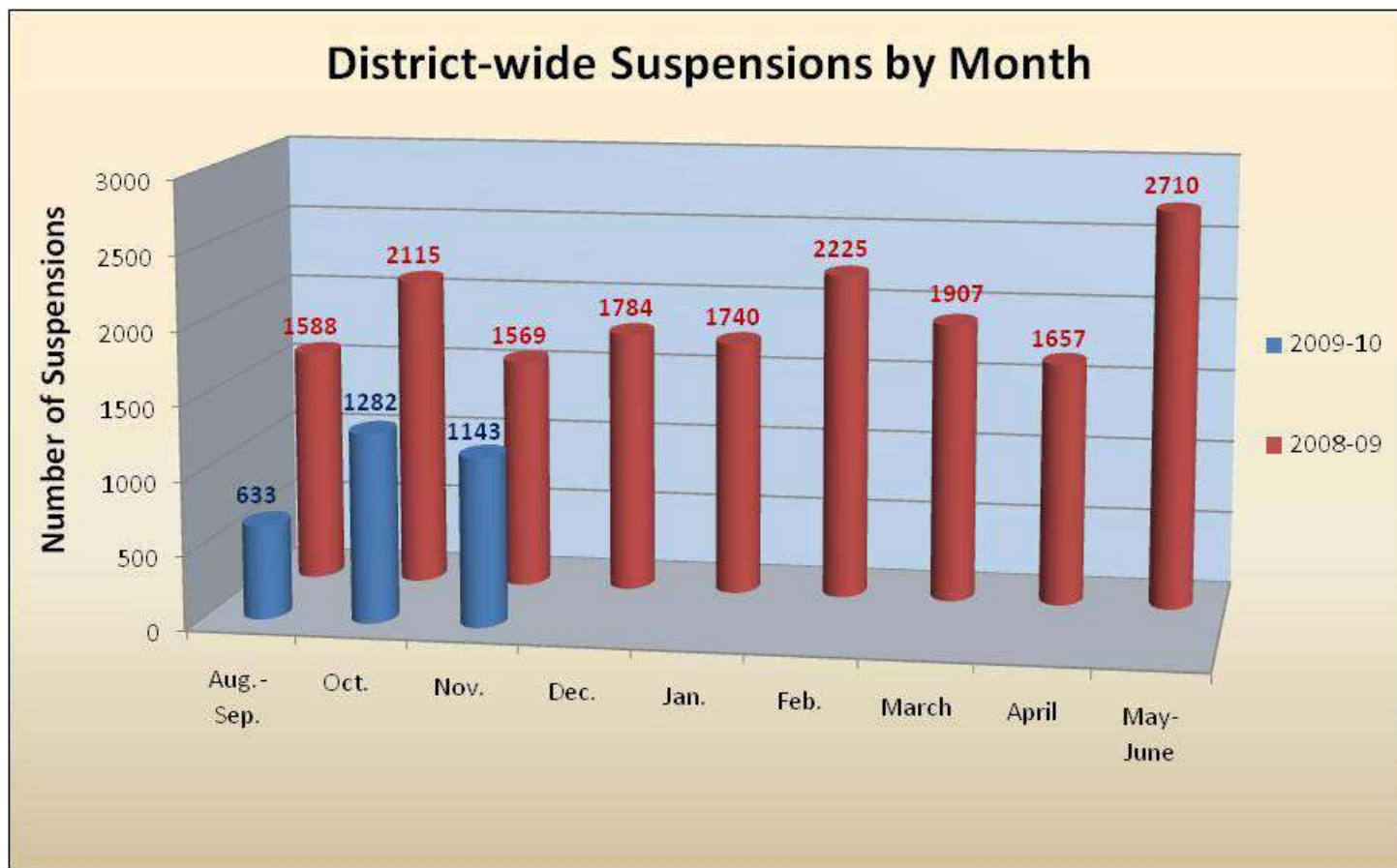
- Last year at this time there were **110** expulsion hearings

- This year there have been **11**

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# The Role of the Committee

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- **The Student Code of Conduct Review Committee is formed each year to review the current Code of Conduct and consider proposed changes**
- **This year, there are two new factors to consider:**
  - State School Discipline Task Force
  - Desire for increased public dialogue

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## ■ **State School Discipline Task Force**

- Created by State Representative Mike Barbieri in May 2009
- Made up of education officials, law enforcement officers, members of state attorney general and public defenders offices and other state agencies
- Required to make recommendations to the General Assembly by January 15, 2010
- Recommendations may include changing state laws and school discipline policies to give districts and administrators greater flexibility, creating a uniform code of conduct for all districts, and increasing prevention and support programs

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- **Need for increased public dialogue**
  - Christina Board of Education request on November 7 for increased public dialogue
  - Recent media attention around “zero tolerance”
  - The Student Code of Conduct and the District’s Strategic Plan
  - Recommendations of the State Task Force and the implications for CSD

# First Steps...Is Change Needed?

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- **Is Change Needed in the Current Student Code of Conduct?**
  - What needs to change and why?
  - Do we have the power to change it?
  - What should not change?
  - What about consistency and fairness?
  - If change occurs, what additional resources will be needed?

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- **How can we improve discipline district-wide?**
  - Classroom management
  - Training
  - Staffing
  - Student awareness
  - Communication with parents
  - Providing help where it's most needed
  - The link with academics and student engagement

# Next Steps...

## Where do we go from here?

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- **What other information is needed?**
  - Student focus groups – January 19-21
  - Community Surveys/Questionnaires
  - Parent focus groups
  - Research, information from other districts
  - Feedback from school support staff, SROs, assistant principals, guidance counselors
  - Update from state Task Force
  - Other ideas

**Deadline: January 21!**

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### Timeline

- **January 23**, 10:00 a.m., Sarah Pyle Academy Café  
**Strategic Plan “Sum it Up Saturday”**
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# Questions?

