

# Office of the Education Ombuds Newsletter Autumn 2018

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## WHAT'S NEW AT OEO?

OEO has been busy presenting at a variety of events such as the **Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Conference at Bellevue College**, and co-hosting design thinking and collaboration workshops with **Results WA, Archetekt, and Bridging Cultural Gaps** during the **Seattle Design Festival**. Keep up to date with OEO events on the OEO Facebook page in English:

<https://www.facebook.com/WAEducationOmbuds/>

in Spanish:

<https://www.facebook.com/OmbudsdeEducacion>

or on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EdOmbuds>.

## Changes to Student Discipline Laws prompt revision of Discipline Manual

OEO has just released an update to our discipline manual to reflect recent changes in statewide student discipline regulations. The updated guide explains new requirements for notice to families for “classroom exclusions” and details about educational services a student should receive during a suspension or expulsion.

*Student Discipline in Washington State K-12 Public Schools* is now available in English, with Spanish translations in progress. You can read the revised manual on the OEO website:

<https://oeo.wa.gov/publications-reports/publications/>.

## Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation (HIB)

continues to be an area of concern among families who contact OEO. To assist families and educators in talking proactively with students about HIB, OEO created short, animated videos in English and Spanish, which are available on the OEO Website:

<https://oeo.wa.gov/education-issues-topics/bullying-harassment-and-intimidation/>.



*We listen. We inform. We help solve problems.*

## ONE OUT OF FIVE: DISABILITY HISTORY AND PRIDE PROJECT

October is Disability History and Awareness Month!

OEO is proud to collaborate with Rooted In Rights, part of Disability Rights Washington, in creating two student voice videos, as well as work with two amazing educators, Adina Rosenberg and Sarah Arvey, to create a disability awareness curriculum that is now available on the OEO web page: <https://oeo.wa.gov/education-issues-topics/one-out-of-five-disability-history-and-pride-project/>.



Image: Back row: Carrie Basas, Adina Rosenberg, Sarah Arvey, Warren Lybbert Front row: Angelina Gammons-Reese, Clark Matthews

Our thanks to students Angelina Gammons-Reese and Warren Lybbert, their families and schools for participating in our project. You can join the conversation about disability history, awareness, and inclusion on Twitter [#OneOutOfFiveDisabilityProject](https://twitter.com/OneOutOfFiveDisabilityProject).

## OEO's 2017-2018 Annual Report

is available in English and Spanish:

<https://oeo.wa.gov/publications-reports/reports>.