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Representative Rick Ladd
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Senator Ruth Ward
Chair, Education Committee
State House, Room 302
107 North Main Street
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RE: *School Restraint and Seclusion Report School Year 2019-2020*

Dear Representative Ladd and Senator Ward:

Enclosed is the annual report on the use of restraint and seclusion in New Hampshire schools for 2020-2021. This report is being provided pursuant to the Board of Education's statutory obligation under [RSA 126-U:8](#). This report has been prepared from the periodic, regular review of the restraint and seclusion reports that are collected and processed by the Department of Education and includes the number and location of reported incidents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Drew Cline".

Drew Cline, Chairman
State Board of Education

Public School Restraint and Seclusion Report for School Year 2020 - 2021

Restraining Students (per RSA 126U)	SY 2020 - 2021	SY 2019 - 2020	SY 2018 - 2019	SY 2017 - 2018
Number of Students enrolled in the schools which responded to the School Safety Data Collection	167137	176007	177365	177759
Number of restraint reports generated this year	672	1834	2860	2049
Number of active/on-going restraint investigations	1	0	0	13
Number of closed restraint investigations	671	1834	2860	2036
Number of restraints resulting in bodily harm	4	4	1	1
Number of restraints resulting in serious injury or death	0	0	0	0
Number of seclusion reports generated this year	361	899	1223	1238
Number of active/on-going seclusion investigations	0	0	0	0
Number of closed seclusion investigations	361	899	1223	1238

Year	SchoolID	Public School Name	Student Enrollment	Restraint Reports	Restrains Resulting Bodily Harm	Restrains Resulting Death	Restrains Active	Restrains Closed	Seclusions	Active Seclusions	Closed Seclusions
2021	27010	A. Crosby Kennett Middle School	241	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20240	Abbot-Downing School	325	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	28615	Academy for Science and Design Charter (H)	222	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	28580	Academy for Science and Design Charter (M)	319	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22960	Acworth Elementary School	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20795	Adeline C. Marston School	284	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22580	Allenstown Elementary School	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22965	Alstead Primary School	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22480	Alton Central School (Elem)	419	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	21050	Alvirne High School	1091	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	21745	Amherst Middle School	612	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	21940	Amherst Street School	266	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22130	Andover Elementary School	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22215	Antrim Elementary School	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22575	Armand R. Dupont School	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20010	Ashland Elementary School	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22740	Atkinson Academy	336	2	0	0	0	2	6	0	6
2021	20530	Auburn Village School	603	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
2021	21545	Bakersville School	402	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22485	Barnstead Elementary School	449	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	22045	Barrington Elementary School	376	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
2021	22030	Barrington Middle School	388	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	20695	Bartlett Elementary School	193	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
2021	20860	Bath Village School	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	26490	Beaver Meadow School	328	16	1	0	0	16	0	0	0
2021	28555	Bedford High School	1480	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	21600	Beech Street School	499	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	22135	Belmont Elementary School	343	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2021	22145	Belmont High School	365	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	22150	Belmont Middle School	376	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
2021	27035	Berlin Elementary School	485	5	0	0	0	5	8	0	8
2021	20045	Berlin Middle School	244	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20050	Berlin Senior High School	371	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20830	Bernice A. Ray School	451	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0

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2021	28605	Virtual Learning Academy (H)	379	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	23015	Walpole Elementary School	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	23010	Walpole Primary School	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20900	Warren Village School	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20985	Washington Elementary School	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22385	Waterville Valley Elementary School	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20720	Weare Middle School	327	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22205	Webster Elementary School	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	21635	Webster School	338	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	5
2021	21155	Wells Memorial School	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22390	Wentworth Elementary School	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	27065	West Running Brook Middle School	562	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	21230	Westmoreland School	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	21515	Weston Elementary School	451	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	21200	Wheelock Elementary School	172	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
2021	21480	White Mountains Regional High School	359	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	26930	Whitefield Elementary School	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22690	William Allen School	307	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22860	William E. Lancaster School	242	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22865	William T. Barron Elementary School	376	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
2021	26955	Wilton-Lyndeboro Middle School	139	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	23070	Wilton-Lyndeboro Senior High School	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	21735	Winchester School	368	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	3
2021	29193	Windham Academy Public Charter School	245	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	21135	Windham Center School	415	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	28640	Windham High School	1020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	21125	Windham Middle School	509	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20780	Winnacunnet High School	1100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22950	Winnisquam Regional High School	447	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22955	Winnisquam Regional Middle School	312	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	22850	Woodbury School	799	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	21285	Woodland Heights Elementary School	333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20460	Woodman Park School	446	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
2021	20905	Woodsville Elementary School	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	20910	Woodsville High School	218	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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(a) "Medication restraint" occurs when a child is given medication involuntarily for the purpose of immediate control of the child's behavior.

(b) "Mechanical restraint" occurs when a physical device or devices are used to restrict the movement of a child or the movement or normal function of a portion of his or her body.

(c) "Physical restraint" occurs when a manual method is used to restrict a child's freedom of movement or normal access to his or her body.

(d) Restraint shall not include:

(1) Brief touching or holding to calm, comfort, encourage, or guide a child, so long as limitation of freedom of movement of the child does not occur.

(2) The temporary holding of the hand, wrist, arm, shoulder, or back for the purpose of inducing a child to stand, if necessary, and then walk to a safe location, so long as the child is in an upright position and moving toward a safe location.

(3) Physical devices, such as orthopedically prescribed appliances, surgical dressings and bandages, and supportive body bands, or other physical holding when necessary for routine physical examinations and tests or for orthopedic, surgical, and other similar medical treatment purposes, or when used to provide support for the achievement of functional body position or proper balance or to protect a person from falling out of bed, or to permit a child to participate in activities without the risk of physical harm.

(4) The use of seat belts, safety belts, or similar passenger restraints during the transportation of a child in a motor vehicle.

(5) The use of force by a person to defend himself or herself or a third person from what the actor reasonably believes to be the imminent use of unlawful force by a child, when the actor uses a degree of such force which he or she reasonably believes to be necessary for such purpose and the actor does not immobilize a child or restrict the freedom of movement of the torso, head, arms, or legs of any child.

V-a. "**Seclusion**" means the involuntary placement of a child alone in a place where no other person is present and from which the particular child is unable to exit, either due to physical manipulation by a person, a lock, or other mechanical device or barrier. The term shall not include the voluntary separation of a child from a stressful environment for the purpose of allowing the child to regain self-control, when such separation is to an area which a child is able to leave. Seclusion does not include circumstances in which there is no physical barrier between the child and any other person or the child is physically able to leave the place. A circumstance may be considered seclusion even if a window or other device for visual observation is present, if the other elements of this definition are satisfied.

VI. "**Serious injury**" means any harm to the body which requires hospitalization or results in the fracture of any bone, non-superficial lacerations, injury to any internal organ, second- or third-degree burns, or any severe, permanent, or protracted loss of or impairment to the health or function of any part of the body.

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