

Dear Chair and Members of the House Committee on Education

My name is Alison Miller and I am a resident of Washington County. I am writing in support of HB 2631 which prescribes notification requirements for school districts upon receipt of an act of harassment, bullying or cyberbullying.

I am writing because my friends, the Brides of Lake Oswego's son was the target of bullies both in person and when the pandemic was ongoing, cyberbullying. They were never made aware of this from their son's school. Had they known, they could have moved him or addressed it with the school and the offending students. Carson took his life because of these actions of other students.

The atmosphere in our society now has become toxic, with violence ever present. This has become increasingly evident and present in our schools, and without school involvement and communication to parents, tragic outcomes often follow.

Not only should bullied children's parents be made aware of harassment, but also parents of the offending students because they are the ones who need the most psychological help, and if they don't receive it, these actions will continue and this kind of tragedy will continue.

Please consider prioritizing this often unspoken trend in our young people today, and take action to help prevent any more needless suicides.

Sincerely,

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