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I suggest that all schools, at the beginning of the school year, call an assembly of all students where the administration clearly outlines that ALL bullying, sexual harassment and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, etc. is not allowed, and any student found responsible for such an act will be expelled. They should explain that our schools are PUBLIC SCHOOLS where ALL students, by law, are educated. Then any student found responsible should have his or her name announced to all the students when expelled. Elementary students should hear this, too. I have heard of a lot of bullying going on in Second Grade!

In high school, the administration should also outline clearly that threats and stalking, etc. are crimes, and such acts will be referred to the local police. Ask the local chief of police to explain what would be criminal and what the punishment would be for certain crimes that occur in high schools. The school administrators can decide whether or not to include middle school students.

School administrators must be clear as to what will be expected of the students from the start of the year. Many of these kids just don't know.

Thank you.

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