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- **Decision NOT to send note to entire Highland Community based on the following:**
- **Hours of conversation discussing next steps**
- **Primary focus was supporting students on Tuesday**
- **Respect for the family during this terrible tragedy**
- **Decision supported by counselors, social workers, psychologists and others**
- **Every tragedy brings discussion and growth - ACS will continue to learn and process moving forward**

Bullying

- **Definition: IC 20-33-8-2**
“BULLYING” is overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications in any manner, physical acts committed, aggression, or any other behaviors that are committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate or harm the targeted student and create for the hostile student an objectively hostile environment

Reporting Opportunities

- **ACSC.NET online reporting**
- **Bully Box at Elementary Schools**
- **Direct reporting to any adult staff member**
- **Direct Reporting to Police**
- **Direct reporting to bus driver**
- **STOMP OUT BULLYING
877-602-8559**

Student Support S

- **Administrators / Deans**
- **Teachers**
- **Social Workers**
- **Counselors**
- **Life Coaches**
- **Meridian Services**
- **Cornerstone Services**

Student Program S

- Peacemakers – K thru 3rd Grade (25+ years in ACS)
- Second Step Social Emotional Program at Highland next year
- “Why Try” – Valley Grove and Anderson High School
- Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) District Wide

**Staff Professional
Development
Child Adolescence
Changes
Mental Health
Awareness
Social Media
Awareness
Reporting
Responsibility
Prosecution /
Discipline
Engage with your
students daily!**



ACS STATISTI CS

- **Since August 1 of 2018 ACS has had 5 actual bullying cases reported to DOE. Cases are investigated by deans, counselors and administration.**
- **Same time frame, 10 additional cases where bullying was accused and logged into system - parents of students were notified and informed that if behaviors continued, cases would be deemed bullying and appropriate consequences would follow.**



Top Priorities for ACS

- 1) Student and Staff Safety**
- 2) Academic Achievement**
- 3) Community Involvement**
- 4) Continuous Improvement for ACS**

Security and Alerts

- **Technology Filters alert ACS of inappropriate activity and/or concerning words**
- **Secured Entrances**
- **Relay Classroom**
- **Security Cameras in ACS Buildings and Buses**
- **Police/Resource Officers at AHS-HMS-D26-COMPASS**

Social Media

- **ACS has Digital Citizenship class for all 5th graders**
- **Increase of Cyberbullying in recent years**
- **Parent Involvement Necessary**
- **NOT always true**

Suicide Awareness SS

- **ACS Staff has been provided professional development on suicide awareness**
- **ALL comments regarding student self harm are taken seriously**
- **If Suicide is mentioned, student is supervised until parent comes to school to determine if further assessment is needed**
- **HMS - 36 Self harm/suicide reports**

QUESTIONS