



SWARTZ CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Educator,

This year we have started a major bullying prevention program at Swartz Creek High School called "The POWER of 100" which has had an incredible, culture changing effect on our student body. One part of that initiative was taking a group of my students to see "The Bullycide Project." I can tell you that the 12 students who went to the play with me were very 'affected' by "The Bullycide Project" and have brought its lessons and emotion into our Power of 100 group, making it stronger and more committed than ever.

For all of my students and me, it was a very moving play. Each one of my students and I were 'red-eyed' and a couple even cried on my shoulder after the production. It is not only the tragic and touching stories of the 10 middle school and high school students presented in the play that caused the emotional response. What I believe really touched my students was the simple fact that they saw themselves and their peers in the students who were perfectly portrayed in the production. If they didn't experience the same bullying and harassment in their own personal lives, they were saddened to realize that they have seen these same tragic stories in their own school. Luckily, Swartz Creek High School has not experienced a bullycide. However, "The Bullycide Project" has motivated my students to again commit themselves to do whatever it takes to prevent bullying in our school and help support its victims in anyway possible.

Lastly, I've met and talked to Lori Thompson on multiple occasions about bullying prevention and I don't know of any better ally you could have in developing a bullying prevention program in your school or supporting the one that already exists. "The Bullycide Project" will move each and every one of your students to the point where they cannot ignore the fact that bullying is prevalent in every school and it is up to them to face the problem head on.

If you need anymore information or would like to talk to me about "The Bullycide Project," please don't hesitate to call me directly.

Until then, good luck spreading the POWER!

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