

May 24, 2011

Mr. Mark Caudill, President
Minford Local Schools Board of Education
491 Bond Rd.
Minford, OH 45653

Mr. Caudill,

In accordance with ORC 3313.666, I am submitting a written summary of all reported incidents of bullying occurring at Minford High School that fall under the description of bullying as stated in ORC 3313.666. According to ORC 3313.666, "harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means any intentional written, verbal, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both: causes mental or physical harm to the other student; is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student.

According to my records and information given by students, there were eight incidents of bullying verified during the 2011-2012 school year at Minford High School. Below is a summary of the bullying incidents:

- Four of the incidents were reported by females, two by males and two by parents of male students
- One of the incidents was sexual in nature, three included violence or the threat of violence, and four were of varying degrees of non-violent, non-sexual behavior
- As a result of bullying and violent behavior, two students were expelled, five students were suspended and three students were placed in In-School Suspension

The administrative team and the counseling team at Minford High School take bullying prevention very seriously and respond quickly and assertively when any incidents of bullying are reported. A bullying/help text line was instituted during the second semester of the school year to better serve and protect our students. While we are aware that we can not eliminate bullying completely from our halls, we are dedicated to working toward that goal.

Yours respectfully,

Jeffrey A. Pica