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The LABC solicited comments from our membership re: Bill 157 and we have included some comments for your perusal.

So..my first thought is..what will this look like and who will ensure that this will actually happen... And....this is a step in the right direction!! Keep up the good work.

I had a quick look and maybe I missed it but it says the Principal is required to contact the parents of the "Victim". What about the parents of the bully?

At the end of the day, the above did little to help the outcome of our situation and those of many other families. With Bill 212, there are procedures in place to help our aggressors remain in school and move forward with their education, while the victims, whose lives have been altered for ever, have little comfort in knowing that their Province supported them in the same manner.

*I'm so glad this is happening though, when the bully almost broke my neck, no one called my parents, no one ever called when I got hurt. It has it's flaws like who would enforce it but all Bills do.*

Mandatory reporting is an attempt to decrease the type of situations our own children have fallen victim to. Just because there will now be mandatory reporting and policies to support it does not mean you won't have some kids "fall through the cracks". This new Bill is not a guarantee of that. So, what do we do with the kids that do fall through the cracks"?

Go back to the beginning of the Safe School Action Team.

Ask why the whole section on "reviewing recommendations by Justice Sydney Robins" re: sexual misconduct on the part of the teaching profession....ask WHY did that whole part of the Team's mandate get ignored?

When I went up the chain of command as they tell you to do, when you have a complaint, the "system" turns on you and your family, and turns it's back on your child.  
I expected help. I didn't expect to be shunned, and I know I will never get over the experience.

A Safety plan must be put in place to protect the victim immediately following an incident of student on student violence or abuse.

Students are demanding teachers be more strict with students who bully instead of continuous warnings. 'Next time you're going to the office,' doesn't work.

Hello gals, seems like a simple piece of legislation. Where are the teeth? Experience has shown us both that there needs to be someone who is ultimately responsible for the safety of our children.