



Why we Should Expel Bullies after their First Offence by Davin Jain, Grade 6

“You are being really mean to them. Never step on their lunch again. Go back to class,” the teacher shouted, but that student will bully again because there was no significant consequence. However, the victim had a consequence, they live in fear. Since school is a place of learning, all students should feel safe all the time, therefore bullies should be expelled after their first offence. Only this will stop bullying altogether.

If bullies are expelled, victims feel safe allowing them to concentrate on schoolwork rather than planning their defense. A study on bullying by the University of British Columbia, showed that “based on 490 students in grades 8-10, 64% of kids are bullied at school.” This means that hundreds of kids are feeling traumatized and unsafe every day. This problem needs to end. Consider a classroom where all students study contentedly, not distracted by fear. One of the main reasons to expel bullies is to make the victim feel safer.

Bullies that are expelled from school after the first offence, they are more likely to be frightened of the consequence and less likely to bully. When a bully knows the consequences are severe, they may stop the action. In Singapore, one gets punished with severe fines for the small act of spitting gum on the ground. Gum-chewers in Singapore know the consequences, so they follow the law. As a result of the severe penalties, Singapore is a pleasantly clean city for all citizens to enjoy living in. Likewise, bullies at schools will realize being expelled is a severe cost, so they will follow the rules in order to remain at their school. Students who may be tempted to bully others will be too afraid of the harsh consequences to act on their impulses.

In the end, expelling a student who bullies even after the first offence, creates a safe school with less possibilities for bullying. Every student deserves to learn in an environment free of bullying and violence, thus let's work together to stop bullying here in Ontario by petitioning the government to expel bullies after their first offence.