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## **HOW DO BULLIES AFFECT OUR SCHOOLS?**

Violence among adolescence is at an all-time high in the U.S. 80-90% of students surveyed reported victimization by a bully. Studies have shown that half (50%) of all violence committed by and to teenagers happens on or adjacent to a school campus. The National Education Association reported 160,000 students miss school each day because of fear of violence at school; that adds up to 28 million days of absence each year. Disruption of the educational process because of violence and the disciplinary action associated with it affects our schools social environment, attendance, test scores and community reputation. Reversing this trend requires strong anti-bullying policies that get to the heart of the problem and are enforced consistently.