

ILLINOIS PARENTS WANT SCHOOLS TO BE

PROACTIVE ABOUT BULLYING

80%

of students harassed with anti-gay slurs identify as "straight."

Is your child one of those harassed?

National Mental Health Association, 2002



98%

of Illinois students surveyed said they see bullying with anti-gay slurs while at school.

Does your child see students harassed with anti-gay slurs at school?

GLSEN, 2009 National School Climate Survey

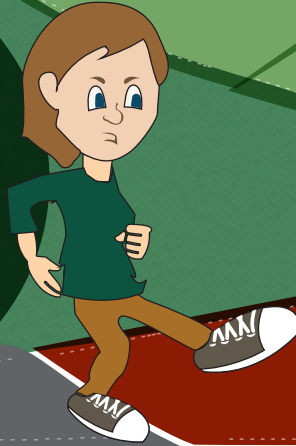


1 CHILD

in every classroom reports skipping school because they felt unsafe.

How is bullying affecting your child's health, grades, and well-being?

CDC, 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey



WHICH PARENTS IN ILLINOIS SUPPORT MAKING SCHOOLS SAFER FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER YOUTH?

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PARENTS IN ALL AREAS

Cities

88.3%



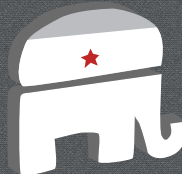
Rural Areas

89.1%



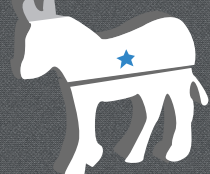
PARENTS OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES

Republican



72.4%

Democratic



92.6%

PARENTS OF ALL FAITHS

Catholic

87.1%

Evangelical

76.9%

No Religion

92.9%

JOIN WITH OTHER PARENTS JUST LIKE YOU IN THE CALL FOR SAFER SCHOOLS

- Ask your child what anti-gay harassment they experience, and how it affects them.
- Ask your school board if their anti-bullying policy has been updated to reflect state law.
- Ask your principal if all staff are trained to prevent and respond to anti-gay harassment.

For more information, visit www.psvillinois.org or www.illinoissafeschools.org