



MOTION NO. 18

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Legislative Assembly of PEI

Tracking school absences due to bullying

Karla Bernard gives notice that she will move, seconded by Matthew MacFarlane the following Motion:

WHEREAS bullying is being reported by Island students and their families;

AND WHEREAS the Jenkins report found that in twelve submissions from parents, bullying was the foremost concern;

AND WHEREAS the COMPASS survey is administered in schools across the country, collecting data on a range of topics including academic performance, bullying and mental health;

AND WHEREAS the 2023-24 COMPASS survey results for P.E.I. indicate that 31% of students in grades 7-12 experienced bullying, significantly higher than the national average of 19%;

AND WHEREAS the COMPASS survey revealed that only 59% of students rated their mental health as good to excellent;

AND WHEREAS the 2024-25 COMPASS survey results showed that adolescents who have been bullied are more likely to report detentions, suspensions, receiving a failing grade, carrying weapons and skipping school;

AND WHEREAS bullying can have a lifelong impact on mental health and future relationships;

AND WHEREAS bullying leads to high rates of school absenteeism and this has been identified as a prominent gap in our education authority's data collection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge government to start tracking the number of students missing school due to bullying by adding in an option to the reasons families can give for absence in the collection of attendance data.

Signed by: Karla Bernard

Signed by: Matthew MacFarlane

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