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**Ministerial Student Advisory Council on Bullying**

Stand up! Stop this! Now. Today!

1 in 4 is bullied

**Bullying**

* Is a whole-of-community issue.
* **Parents:**
  + Build resilience/confidence.
  + Tough love vs reaction.
  + Age
  + perceptions
* **Schools:**
  + Need to raise more awareness about bullying.
* **Students:**
  + Celebrate differences.
  + Bystander campaign.

**Actions:**

* In **87% of bullying cases**, people are *WATCHING*!
  + Share our student stories.
* **More targeted bullying campaigns needed:**
  + Need to change the "snitches get stitches" mindset.
  + "Not teachers stories."
* **"Bully" is a label**
  + *MEAN!!*
    - It is a strong word.
    - Gives power.
    - Is overused.
    - Conflict resolution techniques needed!

**Cyberbullying:**

* Should we **BAN mobile phones in schools?**
* Technology is EVERYWHERE so bullying can be anywhere!
* Teach young the difference btw right and wrong
  + consequences of bullying
* Buddy system can work *not segregation!!*

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