

# If Your Child is Involved in an Incident of Bullying, What is Confidential?

## Understanding Your School's Limits on Sharing Information

### What a School Official CANNOT tell you:

- Specific disciplinary procedures instituted against any child except your own.
- Any actions the school is taking that specifically affect a child other than your own (e.g., moving another child to a different classroom).
- The content of any communications with another child's parents or guardians.
- Any contract or agreement with a child who is not your own, or with the parents of that child.
- The names or identification of other children involved in previous incident(s) in which your child had some involvement, for which there is a record.
- Measures other parents are taking to help their child (e.g., parents putting another child in therapy).
- Previous or past behaviors or behavior problems of any child other than your own child.

### What a School Official CAN tell you:

- Specific disciplinary procedures that are defined in the school policy or administrative procedures, and whether or not they intend to follow that policy in this case.
- Any actions the school is taking that affects your child (e.g., moving your child to another classroom).
- The fact that they have been in communication with the parents or guardians of other children.
- Any actions the school is taking which affects the children generally but which may impact incident(s) in question (e.g., placing an adult monitor in a spot which has been identified as one where bullying occurs).
- Previous incident(s) in which your child had some involvement, without naming other children.
- Measures you might use to help your child (e.g., practicing your child's response to a bully; "checking in" daily with your teacher; getting important information from your child).
- Any reports or referrals made to law enforcement regarding the incident in question.