

The Honorable Steve Huebert, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education

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From Representative Adam Thomas  
Proponent: HB2330

As a former victim of bullying throughout my childhood and a father of 5, I speak from experience and with a passion to protect my children, and all children, by supporting HB2330.

With suicide on the rise among Kansas children and opioid addiction becoming a major issue within our communities, we must address some of the root causes.

There is direct correlation between cyber-bullying and suicide. Young persons who have been cyber-bullied are twice as likely to attempt suicide and the numbers will only get worse if we do nothing.

In-school bullying can affect a students' sense of security and cause major emotional issues to our young folks and HB2330 will make sure there are policies in place at each school, and incidents are reported properly and within a certain time line.

I ask all members of the Committee to join me in supporting this bill and standing up for our children and their future.

Thank you.