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AMBER BAKER'S STATEMENT

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I want to thank Ms. Allred for giving my child a larger voice for those who feel they don't have a voice or that nobody cares what happened to them. This has been a very lonely time for Shear and me. As a mother it has been devastating to watch my child go to school to get an education and instead get humiliated, and become scared, fearful and sad.

When is enough - enough? How many bullied children need to suffer? There are rules in place to protect our children but they are not being followed and do not protect our children from being bullied. I was told by the administration that "kids will be kids" and that "these are their High school years and they have every right to laugh be loud and have a good time," but I feel that it should not be at another child's expense.

Bullying hurts and words hurt. As parents, we need to teach our children to help and to be kind to those who they perceive as different.

I am so proud of you Shear for never giving up and for teaching me and showing me the real meaning of love and acceptance. You give me strength.