

Are our children safe at your school?

Dear Educator/Education Policymaker:

The pictures shown here are of children injured by corporal punishment at school. Do teachers in your district have the right to do this to children? If so, does it concern you?

Please consider the following. A husband no longer has a right to physically "chastise an errant wife." Members of the military and incarcerated felons may no longer be punished by flogging. The elderly and the mentally ill are protected from physical maltreatment. Animal trainers aren't permitted to use cruel methods. Yet in the schools of 22 states of the U.S., between 1/3 and 1/2 million beatings of children occur every year often resulting in injuries like the ones you see on this page. Among other effects are depression, school phobia, impairment to learning, eating and sleep disorders, school vandalism, bullying, aggression, and rebelliousness.



If you find these photos offensive, we understand that. We find them offensive too. But far more offensive than mere pictures is the act itself. What do you plan to do about it?

Sincerely,
Jordan Riak, Exec. Dir.
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