

Student Testimony for HB2257  
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ORAL UNLESS  
BAD WEATHER

I'm from Clearwater. I was in Clearwater schools from 4<sup>th</sup> grade-7<sup>th</sup> grade. The people there started picking on me ever since I got there. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade from 5<sup>th</sup> grade it was not really that bad. But as soon as 5<sup>th</sup> grade really started it was super bad. I got called names everyday it's like they were waiting for me at the door. Names like...fat, chubby, too fat to walk. Anything to do with fat shaming. 6<sup>th</sup> grade was really the year I started to get depressed. 6<sup>th</sup> grade I started to get messages. Telling me that I was fat in person was not enough. At home my stepdad was making fun of me too. (My mom is divorced now.) So it was like I would get bullied at home and at school. The school was not very good at helping me. I did not have very good grades. I started to not care. I wore my mom's clothes. My hair up. No makeup. I just did not care. I was very close to suicide. I felt like no one would miss me. I just wanted it to end. Thankfully my best friends made my day a little better.

But thankfully my mom caught on and pulled me out.

Come to find out I'm severely Dyslexic. The school didn't know I guess. But they must have not been paying attention to me because my mom caught on after a couple of weeks of home schooling me.

Now I'm still homeschooled and not depressed.