

## Bullying Seminar-What do you think?

### 4 Things you will remember from the assembly:

- Ryan committed suicide because he was bullied.
- Ryan's Dad was very forgiving and understanding.
- It was a powerful message.
- How sad the father of Ryan felt and sounded.
- Bullying really hurts people.
- People can be cruel and heartless.
- Be careful with who you tell personal information.
- That so many people missed Ryan when he died.
- Although it may seem so, bullying is not funny.
- Bullying can make you do crazy things.
- Never to bully anyone because if something happens to the kid you're bullying, you will never forgive yourself.
- Mr. Halligan regrets what he did not do.
- If a bully hurts you it hurts the rest of your family too.
- When Ryan died, it changed his family's life.
- Some people hurt themselves when they are bullied.
- Don't keep bullying a secret.
- That bullying can be done emotionally, not just physically.
- I was crying. I will never forget this.
- How evil kids can be.
- It was eye opening.
- How wonderful Ryan was.
- You can't take back what you say.
- How much pain and suffering kids go through when bullied.
- How much pain and suffering the parents go through when they lose a child.
- Little things that you say to people can hurt their feeling and is a form of bullying.
- The clip when the son had the camera on his face and just seeing the look in his eyes.
- The way the father's voice sounded when he was talking about his son's death.
- Ryan was able to defend himself physically not mentally.
- Cyber bullying.
- You always have someone to talk to.
- You can make a mistake into a lesson learned.
- You can turn an ink blot into a butterfly.
- To be happy, make friends, be proud.
- The son's last words. I love you.
- The father's last words to son. I love you.
- You will always be loved.
- Don't be a bystander when someone is being bullied.
- You never know what that person goes through at home.
- That bullying can be prevented.
- When you are upset, talk to someone you trust.

- Fighting doesn't solve anything.
- Always keep adults updated with what is going on.
- There is a better solution.
- He stopped telling his parents what was going on.
- If you are a bystander you are part of the problem.
- To remember that there is someone close to you that loves and cares about you.
- Rumors and gossip could be much worse than physical pain.
- When Ryan said "Its girls like you that make me want to kill myself," to Ashley.
- Some people have to live with tragedies and even after years you're not the same.
- How unempathetic the kids were.
- Ryan's father got an anti bullying bill signed.
- See what it is like in that persons view.
- Learn to forgive or apologize to people, good thoughts towards people make them want to be your friend.
- Don't hide bullying from anyone.
- How bullies are so hard to deal with.
- When the man said "he forgot about who loved him".

#### **Things you would do differently from now on:**

- I will not be a bystander.
- If I see someone being bullied step in.
- Be respectful to others.
- Tell someone when someone is bullying me.
- Always get involved in Bully Prevention.
- Be friends with kids who don't have many friends.
- Be a leader, not a follower.
- Respect peoples mental and physical challenges more.
- To not make fun of someone of their sexual attraction.
- If I see my friend crying it could be because someone hurt his feelings or he is getting bullied, I could take these on my hands.
- If I see my friends bully anyone I will tell them to stop.
- I will not bully anyone because now I know what might happen.
- Say sorry to anyone I have been mean to.
- Even if I don't want to get involved, I'll stick up for the person who is being bullied.
- Always feel that I am able to talk to my parents about being bullied if I am.
- Be more careful of what you say to others.
- Tell my Dad and Mom EVERYTHING.
- If something ever happens where I feel uncomfortable I will tell an adult.
- I will watch my friends and family's emotions more carefully.
- Think more of positives and not negatives.
- Make a difference.
- Think before I say something even if I am just joking around.
- Talk to my friends about not committing suicide.
- Respect everyone, not just adults.

- I will tell the Principal about any fights that are supposed to happen.
- Always feel loved and love my family more.
- I won't go near the person if I don't like them very much.
- I will always be careful of what I say on the computer.
- Don't listen to rumors.
- Think before I act.
- Not take the things in my life for granted.

**One Thing you would tell the presenter if you had the opportunity:**

- I'm sorry for your loss and he seemed very nice and I wish I could've helped.
- It wasn't his fault.
- You should NOT feel like you did anything to cause your son to do this.
- Go all over the USA and tell your story to the world.
- I'm really sorry for your loss, Ryan may not be with us but he is here is spirit.
- All things happen for a reason.
- I know a girl that moved from Longwood Middle School to a private school because she was getting bullied.
- I'm sorry for your loss, and I hope you and your family are okay.
- I would tell him that he is really brave for going and talking to people about this and letting them be informed so we can all try to stop suicide rates and bullying.
- I'm soooooo sorry for your loss, Ryan will be dearly missed. If only those kids would have stopped bullying him he would still be here today.
- If you could go back in time, what would you do to stop it?
- The things that you do are helping other kids. Helping them to be aware of bullying.
- On how brave and wonderful he is to go around other places and tell others about his son committing suicide and to prevent others from doing what others did to Ryan. And we all know how much that takes, so I would just tell him that he is just a wonderful, good hearted, brave person.
- I would tell him I am sorry for his lost, and he was a good father.
- I'll do everything I can to prevent bullying that I see/hear.
- I will pray for Ryan every night.
- I think it was a good thing that you went to the bully's house.
- I would tell him that I feel bad and I would never kill myself.
- His speech really moved me.
- I congratulate him on having the power to go up to speak and having to relive every moment.
- That he tried his best to stop the bullying.
- Why did the bully do what he did? Did he have a hard life, was he bullied, etc.?
- That I feel like he feels because my Nana died and my life will not be the same like his.
- Your presentation was powerful, sad, and eye opening and I hope people learned from it.
- I am sorry for your loss but I will never forget this story.
- Even though your son is gone he's not really gone, he is still in your heart.
- That God will be with you no matter what.
- Don't let Ryan's suicide prevent you from enjoying life.
- I am really sorry that happen I will try and prevent that.

- I'm so sorry about your son. I'm so glad you talked to the bullies and school, to make a difference. I wish that bullying could be a hate crime.
- When you found out Ryan was dead did you feel that you wanted to kill yourself to?
- I was once pushed around by someone until I stood up for myself.
- I would have said "If I could have been there when Ryan was alive, I would have been his friend and helped him with everything."
- I would say...Mr. H. you are a good man and your son's story touched my heart. I may not have known Ryan but, even I miss him. You are brave and strong from going to schools and telling them your son's story. God bless.
- You did a good thing talking to the people at the school for Connor.
- That as a victim of many forms of bullying. I can understand the pain and hurt that your son felt. And bullying needs to be stopped, without it we would prevent the loss of so many innocent lives.
- He changed the way I think about bullying.
- Ryan's story taught me something.
- You are doing a wonderful thing to try to prevent more teen suicides.
- Ryan at least is living a better life now. He doesn't have to experience all the bad things that are happening on earth.
- I would say "Thank you for sharing such personal information.
- I would have nothing to say to him cause there is nothing I can say that will make a change to his life.
- That spreading the message is really good. Keep going!
- This presentation will help save other victims of bullying.
- In memory of your son, I will do my best or at least to try stopping one bully.
- That I will now be saving lives and so will you by doing this.
- That your son is probably very proud of you.
- I'm very sorry for your loss. I'm happy your last words were I love you and stay strong. My dad would feel the same way if he lost me.
- I'm so sorry for your loss. I hope that one day you would reunite with Ryan. I found the speech very touching and I appreciate you coming to talk with us. Thank you!
- If I have a child when I'm an adult, I am going to tell him or her, this story and raise them to be polite and respectful.
- You are one of the strongest people. You're such an inspiration to people and I'm so sorry for what happened. And thank you, now I see how serious bullying really is.
- I am sorry for your tragic loss. I wish Ryan could re-think his decision of suicide after he saw the impact it made to all of the kids of his story.
- What would you say to a family who had a friend who committed suicide?
- I would tell him of the time when my sister's boyfriend committed suicide from being bullied.
- When you were younger, did you get bullied? If so, what did you do about it?
- "You can count on me."