

Buckets Over Bullying is a Chicago-based non-profit initiative whose mission is to stop cyberbullying of children and teens through education, lawmaking and legal support.

Our goal is to build upstanding digital citizens and advocate for accountability of cyberbullies and those who enable them.

NATE BRONSTEIN

Buckets Over Bullying's mission is fueled by the spirit of Nate Bronstein. Tragically, the 15-year-old Chicagoan was lost to suicide on January 13, 2022 after being relentlessly cyberbullied over a text message thread and Snapchat messages. He faced vicious attacks, harassment and was threatened with physical and deadly harm by Latin School of Chicago basketball teammates and classmates, including a suicide baiting message over Snapchat that read, "Go Kill Yourself!"

THE ISSUE

Cyberbulling is bullying that takes place over digital devices. Unlike physical bullying, cyberbullying spreads far and wide and does not allow its victims to easily escape. A rising level of targeted digital abuse is harming the brain development of children across the 50 states and fueling a youth suicide epidemic. In fact, there is now a clinical health term referred to as **Cyberbullicide**.

Rising youth social media use starting in 2007 parallels a nearly

60%

increase in **DEPRESSION**, **ANXIETY**, **SELF-HARM**, and **SUICIDE** among 10 to 24-year-olds during the succeeding decade. 34%

of students report experiencing cyberbullying during their lifetime.

A 2022 federal report reveals that cyberbullying is now the second largest discipline issue in public schools today, more than doubling in the past decade.

Teens using social media every day are

The Option of the likely to be depressed.

of cyberbullied youth think about suicide...

100/0 attempt it.

Suicide is the

leading cause of death in the U.S. for 15 to 24-year-olds



HOWYOU CAN HELP

Buckets Over Bullying is a 501©3 non-profit built on an ethos of respect, teamwork, and kindness embodied by the globally loved game of basketball. Through its many campaigns and programs, Buckets Over Bullying is heightening awareness among children, parents, school administrators and lawmakers about the rising, dangerous and potentially deadly outcomes of cyberbullying and how to prevent its spread and harms. The Chicago-based organization is also actively advocating for changes to state and federal legislation to better safeguard children from online harms and partnering with law firms to provide pro bono legal counsel and support to families in crisis due to cyberbullying attacks on their children.

JOIN US TO HELP STOP CYBERBULLYING.

EDUCATE

ADVOCATE

LEGAL SUPPORT





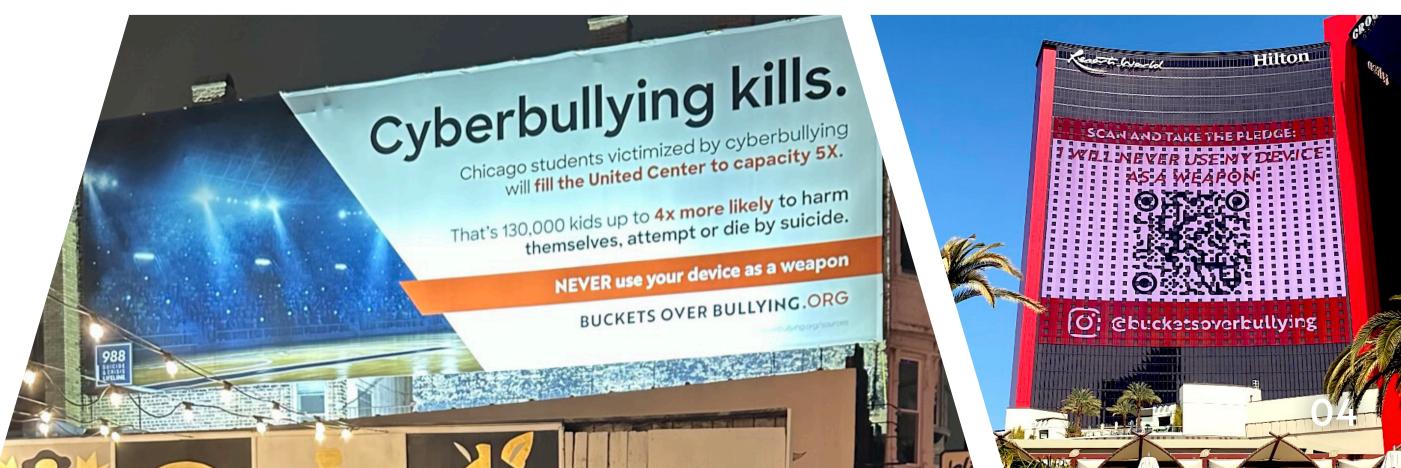


Sponsor school-based digital / social media safety trainings for students, educators, and parents with the **Organization for Social Media Safety**.

- Partner with us on a billboard or local, state, or national PSA campaign
- Partner on a PSA campaign to heighten awareness of the dangers of cyberbullying
- Sponsor in-school social media safety education for students from 5th through 12th grade, educators, and parents with the Organization for Social Media Safety
- Sponsor a sporting event such as a basketball game
- Sponsor a Buckets Over Bullying halftime presentation at sporting events to amplify our message within your community
- Sponsor digital or physical signage at events
- Sponsor a 'Social Media Safety Day' in your community
- Partner on education collateral / pieces to be circulated within schools, local gyms, sports leagues and summer camps







ADVOCATE





TAKE THE PLED GE

- Sponsor a social media safety rally
- Support both state and federal legislative efforts to protect our children from online harms by assisting Buckets Over Bullying in contacting lawmakers
- Support local and national anti-bullying policies, like the recent Illinois bill, HB3425

LEGAL SUPPORT

 Assist Buckets Over Bullying in creating a network of pro-bono legal services in each state • Back pro-bono legal aid services in Illinois









OUR PARTNERS



























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member, father of Nate, founder of the Scion Group



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PAUL URDAN

Founding board member, entrepreneur



BE AN UPSTANDER

Board member, former Illinois Secretary of State, founder of the Jesse White Foundation and Jesse White **Tumblers**



Board member,

founder &

CEO of the

Foundation

SportsFactory

TESTIMONIALS

"We appreciate the generosity extended to us at St. Helen School by Mr. and Mrs. Bronstein and Mr. Piesner. They spoke to our parents and 6th through 8th-grade students regarding pertinent social media safety and shared their heartwarming personal stories. The sessions were packed with various topics that informed our school community on how to handle and prevent serious issues confronting us regarding the misuse of social media. As one parent described the presentation as sobering, relevant, and unbelievably important to hear."

Dr. Shirley Morris, Interim Principal **St. Helen School**

"Roycemore School is happy to have worked with Buckets Over Bullying and The Organization for Social Media Safety to provide important information to students, faculty, and parents of our community about online safety. With the information that was presented by Ed and Rose, we believe our students have gained a greater understanding of potential dangers online, how to protect themselves, and take care of their mental health"

Morgan Graff, Director of Marketing & Communications Roycemore School

"The reality is that so few of us had access to the types of communication tools we give so freely to our children. OFSMS provides a scaffold and resources, in addition to a safe space to ask questions and share concerns, for parents. Through personal experience and research based strategies, OFSMS provided the RPMS community a giant leap towards social media safety for our children."

Ben Blair, Principal Rogers Park Middle School

THANKYOU!

"I pledge to not use my device as a weapon"



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