

You send your children to school for education. You expect them to be in the hands of excellent caregivers and you put your trust into the education system. Nobody would ever think something horrible, beyond their control would happen by a child's caregiver. I know when I was in kindergarten I thought of my teacher as someone I can go to when I was scared, someone I could trust, someone I could reach out to if something was wrong. My son was with the same lady every day, 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. Who's to say this was the first time it happened? What kind of damage do you think this caused? You are supposed to touch a child's mind and heart not touch them physically. Schools are locked down to prevent anything horrible happening to children, but what if your child is locked up with a monster? What if these occurrences happen more often than any of us know? Our children may feel they are unable to reach out because they're scared. My son should have NEVER been scared to go to school, especially as a kindergarten student. That time of your life you're supposed to be happy, care free, enjoying school. Your first year of school is supposed to be one of the best years of your education. Some people may think this incident happened because the child doesn't get disciplined at home or the teacher had every right because the child was "bad". This is a true example of what being a bully is all about. Zero tolerance for bullying. Schools try to prevent bullying as much as they can, but what if it's the teacher doing the bullying? Is it because she is a so called respected woman in her community? How is it okay for a teacher to lay her hands on a child but if another child is bullying a child that child is instantly expelled and not to return to school. This monster may return next school year. Is that really okay? When a child trusts someone such as a teacher and the teacher is the one doing the bullying, do you not think that has an effect on the child at all? Words cannot explain how I feel as a mother and I'm sure millions of other parents out there are feeling. Someone may be well respected and seem like a sweet person, but every rose has its thorn. Teachers are supposed to stop bullying not start it. What message is this sending on to our children, our generation? A Ten day suspension is a slap on the hand and pretty much letting every teacher out there believe that this is okay. It may have been okay 10 years ago, but since that time THINGS have changed, unfortunately the teachers haven't. IT wouldn't matter if the child was being disruptive every single day in class; there are other ways around the situation. There are many teachers who find the proper way to handle a situation like this. Going "over the edge", because you couldn't handle a 6 year old kindergarten boy is a matter for the parents, not for you. My heart is breaking more and more everyday knowing that there may still be a possibility of her going back into the school. My son states "he hates her, she's mean and she grabbed him hard and hurt him". I NEVER want to be in a position where I have to see any child hurt, let alone my own child. I want justice. I want more to be done. Even the nicest people have flaws. Oh the teacher made a mistake? This is a mistake that may affect my son for the rest of his life. Other children out there may have to deal with the same situations. Protecting the rights of a guilty individual is completely outrageous. It doesn't matter what her side of the story is. If it was really something that had her feeling that "furious" and wanting to "Rip him apart", she should of went to the principal, the guidance counselor, his mom and dad, anyone! This incident could have been avoided all around. I am thankful for the staff who reported the incident. Without them my son may have had to continue living this life day after day. Who's to say this was the first time it happened to him or someone else's child. This is assault. This is child abuse. This is wrong. Justice for Ian!