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Gabe Taye Family Statement

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On January 26, 2017, Gabe Taye, a third-grade student from Carson Elementary School took his life. He had been bullied at school. Two days earlier he was attacked in the boy's bathroom by another student who was threatening and assaulting other boys. Gabe walked in and shook the boy's hand. The boy started to shake Gabe's hand but then grabbed his arm and yanked him toward the wall. Gabe's head struck something out of view and he collapsed on the floor. He remained unconscious for over seven minutes before an adult arrived to revive him.

There was no adult supervision in the bathroom. The school did not tell his mother what really happened, only that he "fainted." When she later took him to the hospital because he was vomiting, the hospital thought he had the stomach flu; no one knew, except the school, that he was knocked unconscious for over seven minutes.

Our investigation uncovered the video of his assault two months after Gabe died. Finally, the school has agreed to release the video. Now, other parents at Carson Elementary will see what life is like for these third graders in the boy's bathroom when no supervision is provided.

Our investigation continues as we try to learn what happened at the school and why Gabe took his life. If you have any information that would be helpful to the investigation, please contact us. The family thanks those people who have reached out and offered their support.

If you or someone you know needs help, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or get more information on their website, suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

The attached photo is of Gabriel Taye from second grade.

