

Sexual assaults that are student to student in schools are unfortunately becoming more commonplace and all schools and school personnel need to be accountable to report these crimes. Regardless of whether the assault happened on school grounds, the victims of these crimes need the trusted adults in their schools to do their moral and legal duty as mandatory reporters. These victims need protection. My daughter was one of two victims of the same student, on school grounds. The private school she attended became aware of the assaults and did not call the police. They pulled in the student perpetrator and the two victims to the office and did not inform police until we insisted they do so, hours after the victims had to be subjected to school personnel questioning them and finally notifying parents. There was no accountability for the school personnel about reporting. Despite special training from the local district attorney's office about mandatory reporting, the same school personnel failed to report again a few years later when another student was raped. Please pass this bill and hold the adults we entrust with our children's well-being accountable to their moral duty to help and to report these crimes.