

Pete Clark wrote:

I have known the Bride family for many years and I think it is deplorable that schools have not been required to notify parents of bullied students and parents of the oppressors. This is just common sense! Much harm has been done in the past because nothing like this has been required and it is long overdue.

I am 75 years old and have worked on many reunions since I graduated from high school in 1963. I had been trying to track down a classmate for many years. I finally found him just before our 50th reunion. I called him and asked if he would be coming to the reunion. He stated indefatigably that he would not have anything to do with our high school. You see, he was bullied all through high school and everyone, teachers, students knew it but nobody, including me, did anything to stop it. After high school he moved to New York - as far away from Oregon as possible and remains there to this day, never having stepped foot in Oregon since the day he left. If his family wants to see him they must go to New York.

So you see, even if a student who is bullied survives harassment at school it leaves a lifelong scar on their being.