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Learning about Making Schools Safe

Bullying is a serious problem at many schools. Some students are afraid to come to school because they fear being bullied by other students. At our school, I need to make some decisions on actions to take to make my school safe. There are many different ideas on how to handle bullying. Some students think it is best to walk away or do nothing when others are being bullied. Others think that responsible adults should be involved as quickly as possible. And yet other students think that confronting bullies on their own terms is the best approach.

Before I can decide on the best action to make our school safe, I need to find out more about bullying. I need to understand how, when, and why students are bullied at my school. Knowing this information will make it easier to select the best actions to take. I need to know more about how the students in my room feel about bullying, how they define bullying, and what actions they take when they are involved in bullying. I need to understand why students think victims are bullied. After I collect this information on the students' view on bullying, I can use it to evaluate the best way to make our school safe.

Here are my research questions that I will investigate to learn more about creating a safe environment in my school:

1. What are different options for action to take when bullying happens?
2. How effective are these actions?
3. What are educators' and child safety experts' recommendations for handling bullying?
4. What are effective actions for students take to stop bullying?
5. Why do some students bully other students?