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Cyberbullying: Responsibilities and Solutions
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  I found this article to be very interesting. I know that cyber bullying is a major concern today,

but I never really thought about the implications it has in schools. According to the article, many

states already have or are in the process of passing legislation that would require school

districts to address the problem of cyber bullying in their district policies. At first, this seemed to

make perfect sense to me. I definitely agree that there needs to be consequences for students

that are participating in cyber bullying. However, a major issue does arise when you think about

when the line has to be drawn. When does the responsibility leave the schools and fall into the

hands of the parents? I can see this being a topic of much debate.

  The article referenced the Supreme Court case *Tinker v Des Moines Independent Community*

School District. I am familiar with this case, as we had to read it in Legal Foundations of

Education. This case states that schools have the right to intervene if speech "would

substantially interfere with the work of the school or impinge upon the rights of other students,

including the right to be secure." I think this makes it fairly clear that school administrators must

intervene if cyber bullying is preventing a student from feeling safe at school. In this case, I

support the schools ability to intervene. On the other hand, I can also see the side that debates

whether schools have a responsibility if the cyber bullying did not take place during school hours

or on school devices. If a fight took place at the mall over the weekend, the school

administration would not be responsible to protect the victim.

  I see this being an issue that stirs up a great deal of debate. I'm not condoning cyber bullying,

but I do see where there is a question of when the school district is responsible for stepping in. I

definitely feel that solutions to this problem need to be looked into with a great deal of

seriousness. It's where the responsibility lies that is more of a grey area for me. This is

something that I think could be added to the list of "critical issues facing education."