

Many of us share the same frustrations regarding the lack of respect and the escalation of behavioral issues, disrespectful comments, and defiant behaviors in and out of the classroom. In fact, many of you shared them with me, as I did with you, last night.

I spoke with Lynn today and respectfully expressed, without hesitation, my feelings about the above. I also expressed disappointment regarding lack of follow through and consequences by administration. I made it very clear that WE are not the problem, but that the STUDENTS need to be addressed and harsher consequences need to be established and enforced.

Lynn has assured me that she and Jim will address these issues with STAFF AND THEN WITH STUDENTS NEXT WEEK.

I leave this school DAILY, feeling verbally and emotionally ABUSED by some of our students, and that pool seems to be getting larger by the day, and I know many of you feel the same way. Is it ME or are you experiencing the same?

I share this with you because this is our time, this is our moment to be truthful and honest about what we are up against DAILY in our classrooms...we can not be apathetic or complacent if we want things to change...we need to continue to write referrals, enforce classroom and school rules, and send kids out when they are disruptive. OUR futures in education depend on it...

Thoughts?