



Response to Bay Village incident

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Milestones Autism Resources is appalled by the treatment of a student with autism spectrum disorder in Bay Village. Bullying is unacceptable behavior. We hope this terrible event is an opportunity to discuss the importance of recognizing that every individual has something to contribute and to celebrate differences that add value to every community. We support Superintendent Clint Keener's message and echo the sentiments of the young man's parents to raise awareness about the cruelty of bullying and the need for tolerance and kindness.

About Milestones Autism Resources

Founded in 2003, Milestones Autism Resources, previously known as Milestones Autism Organization, helps individuals with autism throughout Northeast Ohio reach their unique potential and is the first call for help at each transition of an individual's life. Milestones focuses on **educating** and **coaching** for family members and professionals in evidence-based practical strategies. Its conferences, workshops, professional development, referral calls and online resources **connect** the autism community with vital information, and each other. Milestones serves more than 1,500 people each year and reaches 34,000 unique visitors through its website, milestones.org, that provides more than 900 autism resources.

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