

**Message to children  
attending sanctioned  
corporal punishment schools**

**The Hitting Stops Here!  
Parents and Teachers Against Violence in Education  
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American Schools)  
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**School corporal punishment is "pain-based" behavior management. It is an outdated and scientifically-proven harmful form of training a developing human being, resulting in all kinds of adult maladies including: dysfunctional relationships, drug abuse, criminal behavior and a shortened-life expectancy due to "child abuse-induced" health issues.**

**The word "corporal" means body, therefore, corporal punishment means "punishing the body." As it applies in schools, it can mean striking children on their buttocks from one to more than 20 times with a wooden board. However, wooden boards are often substituted with leather straps, "switches" from trees, broken musical instruments like cellos, cords and the like.**

**"Corporal" punishment is not limited to buttocks beating, however. Corporal punishment occurs when teachers deny bathroom passes or implement "delayed lunches" causing pain and discomfort to the digestive system. Corporal punishment occurs when children are placed in uncomfortable crawl spaces for "time-outs." It occurs when children are duct taped over their mouths, including the pain of removal. It occurs when children are bungee corded or handcuffed to desks, chairs, poles, door handles and the like. It occurs when children are punched, pinched, grabbed, shaken, forced to exercise till they drop, electrically zapped and "kicked the sh!# out of," as described in the recent UC Davis Law Review entitled, STATE ACTORS BEATING CHILDREN: A CALL FOR JUDICIAL RELIEF (a 51-page document covering the unconstitutionality of corporal punishment in the US and its territories; see Home page of [www.TheHittingStopsHere.com](http://www.TheHittingStopsHere.com)).**

**Governing officials that allow the use of school corporal punishment and adults who practice it can be characterized by one or more of the following traits:**

- **uncaring**

- irresponsible
- self-seeking
- mentally unstable
- sadistic
- racist
- uninformed
- uneducated
- reckless
- hateful
- cowardly

**Children all around the world are left without their basic inalienable rights to be protected from harm when they are corporally punished, a violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.**

**Like slaves, children are unable to speak for themselves or organize independently. Like slaves, children need at least one adult to advocate for their rights. Members of The Hitting Stops Here!, Parents and Teachers Against Violence in Education, American SAFEPASS and other children's rights advocates are ready to be a voice for children in America and abroad.**

**Here is a list of "American-soil battles" that were won for freedom from oppression:**

- **American soldiers battled in the Revolutionary War for US freedom from the British**
- **Union soldiers battled in the Civil War to end slavery**
- **Women marched for freedom from spousal abuse**
- **Black communities protested for freedom from lynch mob attacks**
- **Prisoners rioted for freedom from guard attacks and beatings**
- **"Animal lovers" campaigned for animals to have protective laws from abuse and cruelty**
- **Concerned citizens in 30 US states campaigned for having their children protected from school beatings by the 14th amendment "equal protection" law**

**The only two places where children can use the skills they learn from being corporally punished in schools while avoiding a prison sen/tence, are in the military and in corporal punishment schools once they, themselves, become school teachers.**

**Currently there are more than 80 countries that still allow school corporal punishment including Afghanistan, Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, Saudi Arabia, Rwanda, Cuba and the USA which stands alone in this practice**

among Western industrialized countries. 108 countries prohibit this practice in their schools.

When America battled to be free from British rule, our "Minute Men" let them know that if they oppressed just one American they'd handle them with "bats," metaphorically speaking. They used whatever arsenal they had to protect themselves from being oppressed by the British.

We want all children to grab their arsenal of "bats" and to ready for war. But the "bats" that we refer to are harmless. They are:

- petitions
- your voices
- your unity with responsible caring adults who want to help you to have safe nurturing schools
- your knowledge of the laws governing your schools and your knowledge of how to have laws put in place that protect school children from sanctioned abuse

Members of The Hitting Stops Here!, Parents and Teachers Against Violence in Education, American SAFEPASS and other responsible caring adults and children's rights advocates are ready to support the work of having safe nurturing schools in the US and abroad.

The time is past due for children everywhere to be taught that peace is the answer--not violence.

Numerous nonviolent behavior management models befitting to the 21st century are widely available.

Please learn about other organizations that care about the safety and well-being of school children at [www.TheHittingStopsHere.com](http://www.TheHittingStopsHere.com).

Sincerely,

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