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## M E D I A R E L E A S E

### TAKE ACTION TODAY! National Day of Action 2020 Bullying No Way! 10th Anniversary

The Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO), national peak voice of parents in government schools, adds its support for today's Annual National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

"Research reveals clearly that one in four students in schools in our nation is bullied. Bullying behaviour is a very serious and complex issue, which is not restricted just to schools or the internet – it exists in workplaces, homes and the wider community. Our young people often reflect modelled behaviour." Mr Bidwell stated "ACSSO is proud to have been an ongoing supporter of this event since inception and urges everyone to TAKE ACTION TODAY. Schools should always be a safe place for students, parents, principals and staff"

Held annually, this day provides a focus for all schools to say bullying behaviour in any form, anywhere, is not acceptable. This year, while acknowledging the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, school communities are called upon to take immediate action.

"In particular, with the ever-increasing use of online technology, we are seeing bullying behaviour appear in many different mediums – as parents and carers we must continue to raise our awareness of how to keep our young people safe online. We must model appropriate use."

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is endorsed by Australia's Federal, state and territory education ministers, and all jurisdictions are working together to address bullying behaviour and violence in schools. Strategies and programs for students, parents, schools and the wider community are available on the [Bullying No Way!](http://Bullying No Way!) website.

Mr Bidwell concludes, "Of paramount importance now is the genuine active engagement of school, parents and community to create social change and say NO to all bullying behaviour in any form"

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