

Students Lobby For Classes On Dating Abuse

Students Say Many Teens Oblivious To Abuse

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HARTFORD, Conn. -- A group of Connecticut high school students is asking state lawmakers to add some classes to the curriculum.

The students went to Hartford in support of a bill that would require middle and high school students to be trained about violence in teen dating relationships.

The group of students from Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk said they've seen teens in abusive relationships and that the teens involved often don't realize it.

"You don't want to talk about it, you just want to put it away," said senior Lorena Martinez. "But you do have to talk about it, because there are so many more who can be going through the similar situation, and our goal is to prevent it, to let people know this is happening."

Supporters of the bill said the cost of implementing it should be low.

"We're going to work very hard to make sure it's something that can be incorporated into the current curriculum that's already being given in the schools," said Sen. Toni Boucher.

Curriculum that is already available online is currently being used in Connecticut schools.

"These kids are being abused by each other and they don't even know it," said junior Sky Loth.

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