

## Media Advisory

# The Family of Corey Walgren Files Lawsuit against City of Naperville and Naperville School District for Over \$5,000,000.

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, the family of Corey Walgren filed a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of DuPage County naming the following defendants:

- Brett Heun - a Naperville Police Officer
- Stephen Madden - Dean of Students at Naperville North High School
- James Konrad - Dean of Students at Naperville North High School
- City of Naperville
- Naperville Community Unit School District #203

The suit alleges that the Naperville North High School (NNHS) staff, including the assigned liaison Naperville police officer, engaged in a series of alarming tactics which violated the trust placed in them by the parents of students at that high school. Ignoring legal requirements of parental notification and assistance of counsel, and interfering with the rights of the Walgrens to support their son when he most needed them, these individuals made alarmingly reckless and false statements to Corey that literally scared him to death. His suicide, the direct result of the outrageous and irresponsible conduct of these individuals, serves as a tragic reminder of what happens when adults abuse their power and authority over children in their care.

What should be particularly alarming to the parents of NNHS students is the callous attitude of the administration in response to the avoidable pain suffered by the Walgren family. Not only has the administration remained silent about the details of this incident for over 5 months, keeping the community in the dark about what happened, but now, only in the face of scrutiny, publicly claims that they regret none of their procedures or actions taken in connection with the threats made and indifference shown to Corey and his parents that directly lead to Corey's death. First this tragic incident, and now the attitude of the people responsible, underscore that this lawsuit is necessary to secure a public accounting of the conduct of these individuals and justice for the Walgren family.

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