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ONEighty

# SexualHarrasment

### When Touching Goes Too Far

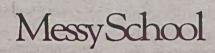
#### Falan Epps & Ben Lancaster

The Nash/Rocky Mount Board of Education believes all students are entitled to work and study in school related environment sexual harrasment is defined as "being spoken to, touched, joked about in an inapropriate manner. It is strictly based on individual judgement" says Assistant Principal Tracy Warren.

So far this year there have been no reports of sexual harrasment. Some students take offense at behavior other students shake off. Outwardly sexual harrasment doesn't seem to have much affect on the life of RMSH. If you were to ask some students, you might be surprised to find that most students have been witnesses to some acts of this nature.

Confusion sets in because people have differing personal definitions of sexual harrasment. If you feel harrassed, remember NO MEANS NO. If you say no and the harrassment continues, report the incident to a teacher or an administrator. You might have seen the signs up at school. Maybe heard something about it from a friend, just what is ONEighty? ONEighty is a place for teens in a laid back atmosphere, with video games, bands, and cheap food.Oneighty's purpose is to help young people with some of life's hard choices, through various 30 minute messages and giving kids a positive place to hang out.

It starts at 6:30 and ends around 8:30 on Wednesday nights. Scott and Molly Cox are the directors. They make sure you are doing fine and having fun. Molly said "we don't want to compete with other things in teen's lives. Oneighty is a national organization that involves grades 7-12. It was all started by a teen in Oklahoma!



#### Falan Epps

Bright and early at 7:50 a.m. a bell sounds. The students should be in 1st period, ready to work. The students enter a clean classroom. The hallways are also clean, the bathrooms are swept, tissue is installed in each stall. By 2:50 the end of the school day, the the classrooms and hallway floors are somethimes covered with paper and other materials. The bathrooms smell like cigarettes and papertowels and tissue are all over the floor.

Classrooms are not your bedrooms, which your mothers have given up on, but they are rooms you live in every day. You should treat these rooms like rooms in your home.

#### OPENHOUSE CONT.

Parents found they had a hard time getting to the classes with the construction and confusion. Marshals were stationed at every cross point to help direct the parents. Even with these youngpeople to help out, some parents were late class. Being lenient to them, the teachers did not give them a tardy for the day. After the meeting the teachers, the parents were treated to refreshments, in the cafeteria. Students from the Food Nutrition class provided the food including cake. When it was all over, the parents were instructed to file out to the student parking lot and left in ordinary fashion.

# **Guest Speaker**

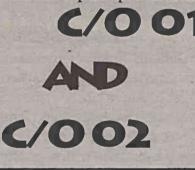
#### Justin Oswalt

On September 29, Ms. Thorne's Buisness Law class had a special guest speaker. Attorney Joseph M. Hester talked to to the class on several law matters including the process of law in the criminal and civil courts. He described what parts should not be left out of contracts for businesses.

Mr. Hester asked the students several questions on the law and what they have learned. The students might not have the answers, but they were glad to have him come. He also encouraged the class to learn several vocabulary words dealing with the law. Mr. Hester was very happy to take time out of his day to meet with the students. The students also seemed to enjoy themselves during his presentation.

#### Falan Epps

The Annual Educational Opportu nity Program was held Tuesday Oct. 24. to give Juniors and Seniors a chance to get information on the college of their choice. The information brochure included financial aid forms along with course of studies offered by the university or college. The students also also had chances to ask the college Representatives specific questions about the colleges. Overall The Annual Educational Opportunity exposed Juniors and Seniors to many different educational opportunities and gave the students a chance to explore specific interests.



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