WEIGHT BIAS and CHILDHOOD BULLYING

92% OF CHILDREN REPORT THAT THEY WITNESS THEIR PEERS AFFECTED BY OBESITY AND EXCESS WEIGHT BEING TEASED AT SCHOOL.¹

Weight bias begins as early as pre-school, and may get worse as children age 2, leading to increased incidences of bullying in our schools.

Children and teens who are victims of bullying may have thoughts of suicide and some may actually commit suicide.⁵

Children affected by obesity miss more days of school than their peers.⁶

Students affected by obesity are viewed as self-indulgent, lazy and are excluded from social activities by their peers.⁸

Children affected by obesity is the most common chronic disease of childhood, affecting more than 30 percent of children in the U.S.

58 percent of boys and 63 percent of girls in high school experience daily teasing, bullying or rejection because of their size.⁴

BOYS 58%
GIRLS 63%

SOURCES: