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New Video Circulates

The video, recorded by the child’s regular classroom teacher, shows the student visibly upset after a splint was removed from an injured finger. The family says the injury occurred during an encounter with another student. In the recording, a staff member can be heard telling the child, “Try to quit crying and get yourself together.”

Superintendent Amanda Abell confirmed the district is reviewing the matter.

“We are aware of a video circulating involving a student who became upset after not receiving points on his behavior chart,” Abell said. “The video was originally shared privately by the teacher with the child’s guardian.”

Abell added that the

district had issued a similar statement last week after a substitute teacher was accused of being physically aggressive with a student. That communication noted the incident was reported to Child Protective Services and local law enforcement and that the substitute was removed from the district’s roster.

Recent Incidents Under Review

This latest situation adds to a growing list of concerns raised this year:

- May: A legal-notice letter signaled a potential lawsuit alleging a student was beaten with a belt while classmates watched. Claims included assault, harassment, civil-rights violations, and negligent supervision.
- August: Allegations emerged regarding a “Trooper Island” out-

ing where a mentally disabled student was reportedly assaulted with what was believed to be a pencil—later identified as a toothbrush holder. The district acknowledged receiving “additional information” and launched a fresh review.

- Summer: A former Caverna High School basketball coach was indicted on child-abuse-related charges, including assault, wanton endangerment, official misconduct, and failure to report abuse or neglect.

Parents Calling for Change

With each new episode, frustration among parents continues to rise. Many argue these issues point toward systemic failures rather than isolated lapses. Concerns raised include inconsistent supervision, commu-

nication breakdowns, inadequate handling of special-needs students, and reporting and documentation procedures.

District officials have not issued broader comments about the string of incidents but have continued to emphasize cooperation with law enforcement and a commitment to improving student safety.

What’s Next

The district’s newest investigation remains ongoing. Parents are expected to raise concerns at upcoming school board meetings, and additional public-records requests may shed light on how previous complaints were handled.

Jobe Publishing will continue to monitor developments as Caverna Independent Schools face yet another round of child-safety scrutiny.

Parent Statement Regarding Classroom Incident Involving Their Son, Lincoln:

“We are deeply disappointed, disturbed, and heartbroken by what happened to our son, Lincoln. The actions and inactions of teachers, staff, and even the behavior allowed from other students are unacceptable by any standard—especially for a vulnerable child with special needs who relies on the adults around him for safety, support, and emotional regulation.

It is crushing as parents to know that we are legally required to place our children in school, yet the very institution designed to protect and guide them allowed this level of mistreatment. Our family has tried multiple times to move our children to safer, more supportive environments, but options in our area are extremely limited. At this point, we are grateful that we are able and willing to homeschool, because the emotional damage from incidents like this is too severe to ignore—not only for our child, but for other children like our Lincoln.

Our heart breaks for Lincoln, but it breaks just as much for the other children and parents who have endured the same or similar treatment. Lincoln trusted these adults just as he trusts us to keep him safe, help him regulate, and treat him with dignity. That trust was violated in a way no child should ever experience—not from parents, and certainly not from a school that is paid to care for and educate children.

Our hearts also break for the many parents who have pulled their children out due to bullying by teachers and certain students, again and again. We ask that you reach out and share your stories so your child can be heard as well.

We will not take this lightly. We are our children’s voices. We have noticed a pattern, and we want to hear from others who have experienced the same.”

Glasgow Parks & Rec Receives State Recognition



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Glasgow Parks and Recreation Department is recognized with several honors at the Kentucky Recreation & Parks Society Awards Ceremony on November 12. Pictured from left, Ben Logsdon, Kevin Hare, David Curran, Matt Stonerock, James Gillespie, El Jefe, Director Eddie Furlong, Glasgow Mayor Henry Royse, Thomas Cliburn, and Devan Myers.

Staff Report

Glasgow Parks & Recreation brought home several major honors from the 2025 Kentucky Recreation & Parks Society (KRPS) Awards Ceremony, held November 12, marking a standout year for the department and the community it serves.

The department received the Outstanding Facility Award — Class 3 for Beaver Creek Park and the Ochell Tuck Softball Complex. The award recognizes outdoor facilities that significantly enhance a community’s quality of life. Both locations remain among Glasgow’s most heavily used recreation areas and have benefited from continued investment and maintenance.

Glasgow’s maintenance crew also earned statewide recognition, taking

home the Outstanding Maintenance Team – Class 3 Award. The honor highlights the daily work of keeping parks clean, safe, and accessible, from routine grounds care to major facility improvements.

Mayor Henry Royse was recognized with the Public Official Award, presented to a local, state, or federal official who has made significant contributions to parks, recreation, and open-space initiatives. KRPS noted Royse’s support for park improvements, community investment, and long-term planning for recreational opportunities across the city.

Parks & Rec staff, city leaders, and community partners attended the ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments.

“These awards are

really about our team and the people of Glasgow,” Mayor Royse said. “We’re proud of what they’ve built and the care they put into it. It’s clear they take great pride in serving a community that truly values its parks.”

City officials said the recognition reflects years of planning, collaboration, and dedication to providing high-quality recreational spaces for residents of all ages. As Glasgow continues to grow, the department plans to expand accessibility, enhance existing amenities, and support initiatives that strengthen community pride.

The City of Glasgow congratulated the entire Parks & Recreation team and thanked KRPS for acknowledging the work being done locally.

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