

This is extremely emotional for me. I am here today because we lost our daughter Melissa Abell December 14, 2014 while she was attending Chemawa Indian School. When she left for her Senior year she was in good health. This devastation has changed our lives forever.

While we were there to see our daughters lifeless body, we were asked many questions. The one that concerns me most is "Are you going to take legal action?" on the response no, their response was if we did it would more than likely be the end of Chemawa. Why even say something like this!

I don't understand why it was hard for her roommates to find help and why it took so long. The other girls should not have had to search for staff more than once. Staff should have had a better code to call for help, instead the other staff thought it was a fight. Not a medical emergency! If there isn't proper staff for all the students, then there should not be as many students.

The minutes in delay resulted in Melissa's death. While her friends watched and tried to help. It broke my heart even more to read the police report, to hear step by step what took place while our daughter was fighting for her life! Melissa had more friends by her side helping her than there was staff.

As soon as I was contacted about this hearing, I felt relieved. Thinking, finally someone is going to make a change!! No more of our children should die due to negligence of the schools!

I am not a good writer, so I am going to start speaking from my heart.

Thank you

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Grieving mother