**Elementary School Case Study “Online Catastrophe”**

It is the last week of a student teachers practicum with a Grade 5-6 class. During the beginning of the week she is told by the classroom teacher that Bob (a Grade 5 student) was messaging Laura (a girl from the same school) online. Bob had asked Laura out on a date and Laura said no. Bob threatened to kill himself. Laura’s mom found these messages on Laura’s phone and brought her concerns to the school principal. The principal had a conversation with Bob. The next day, all of the students were lined up by the door waiting to be called down for an assembly. The student teacher overheard Bob tell a group of peers about this incident and how it was all fabricated lies and that Laura’s mom is a ‘crazy idiot’ for making these accusations. Once the students were away for the assembly, the student teacher pulls the classroom teacher aside to mention what she had just heard. The classroom teacher then told the principal and then Bob was sent to the counselor where in the end Bob wrote an apology letter for Laura’s mom.