

To: Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee
From: Beaverton Classified
Re: February 14, 2017

(The names are changed to protect the identity of everyone involved.)

Adam's behaviors had steadily been more aggressive for several weeks. His 1:1 Special Assistant had documented these escalations because staff knew his rages could become dangerous!

Tuesday morning Adam came to school already agitated. After breakfast he sat on the couch very quietly rocking back and forth. His assistant began to suspect something was brewing.

Suddenly Adam threw himself to the floor, rocking and screaming. Sarah, another SEPA, ran from the classroom but Andrea, a new SEPA had remained. Sarah called out that she should leave. Andrea calmly stood up and headed for the door, but Adam saw her. At full speed he charged her flipping her into the air. She flew about 2 feet and slammed into the wall smashing her head and shattering her elbow when she fell to the floor. She lay there crying and Adam ran to the other side of the room.

Georgia, another SEPA, heard the commotion and came to investigate. Unfortunately the corner where Adam was hiding was blocked from view. She went over to check on Andrea. Adam saw her and charged again flipping Georgia more than 3 feet over two chairs and a therapy bicycle. She crashed into the accordion wall that separated the kitchen from the classroom, then slammed to the floor where she lay moaning.

Sarah, who was watching from the window, ran to the other side of the accordion wall and attempted to pull Georgia to safety. But Adam saw and again running at full speed, leapt into the air and landed on Georgia's abdomen. In addition to the serious head trauma, Adam broke several ribs and caused serious internal injuries. Once they pulled her to safety, Georgia was rushed by ambulance to the hospital.

Two other students had stayed in the classroom. One slept, and the other, Billy, was playing on his tablet. At the onset, staff tried to persuade Billy to exit the classroom, but he refused emphatically. After watching Adam jump on Georgia, he suddenly stood up. Before Billy could get to the door Adam charged, picking him up and throwing him into the therapy bicycle. Billy stood up and Adam charged again, this time throwing him into the wall. Again, Billy stood up and Adam threw him into a file cabinet.

Briefly Adam's attention was distracted by a noise behind him and Virginia opened the door to beckon Billy out. Adam heard the door open and raced over. To escape he punched Virginia in the forehead, causing a concussion, and ran out into the hallway.

Jackie, another SEPA was standing in the hallway. She attempted to block his path. Adam charged her slamming her into the metal fire extinguisher box. In a reflexive move, Jackie had crossed her arm over her abdomen. As it was she had a concussion, had difficulty breathing, and a hematoma the size of a small water balloon emerged on her arm almost immediately. She was also taken to the ER.

The remaining staff knew Adam needed to be stopped. They attempt to contain him in the hallway, but he slipped outside through a side door. He ran over to another department and sat outside banging his fist into the mounted fire extinguisher box which he did manage to rip off the wall with his bare hands.

Adam began to de-escalate after his parents arrived. His mother was finally able to calm him down enough that he could leave with them. Six police officers had arrived on scene, and seven staff were injured and required immediate medical attention.