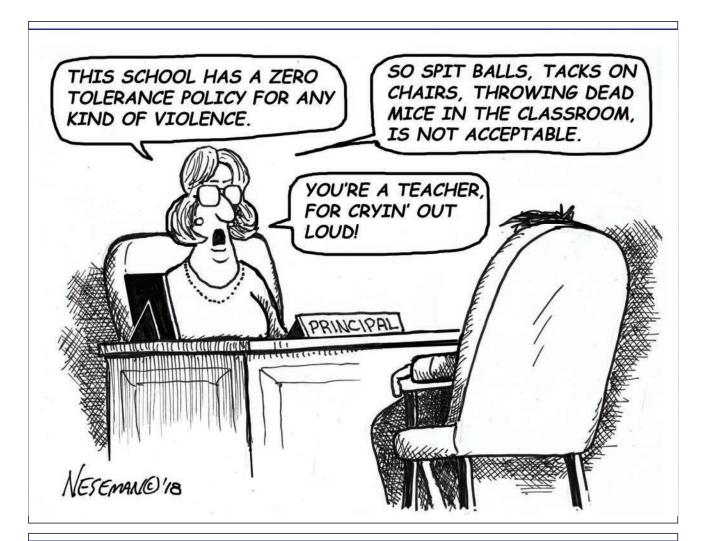
## COVID UPDATE: PARENTS AND STUDENTS

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## STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND COVID

Zero tolerance disciplinary practices in Texas should have been on the way out starting in the mid-1990s.

Since 2009, the Texas Education Code has <u>required</u> administrators to consider "mitigating factors" when making decisions about disciplinary placements.

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Texas Education Code section 37.001(a)(4):

- (4) specify that **consideration will be given**, as a factor in each decision concerning suspension, removal to a disciplinary alternative education program, expulsion, or placement in a juvenile justice alternative education program, **regardless of whether the decision concerns a mandatory or discretionary action**, to:
- (A) self-defense;
- (B) intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct;
- (C) a student's disciplinary history;
- (D) a disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct;

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Texas Education Code section 37.001(a)(4): (CONTINUED)

- (E) a student's status in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services: or
- (F) a student's status as a student who is homeless;





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