



(AP) The superintendent of Minnesota's largest school district is clarifying a statement he made more than a year ago about a string of student suicides and apologizing to those he might have offended. Six students in the Anoka-Hennepin School District committed suicide in less than two years. Family members and gay advocacy groups said some were bullied. In December 2010, Superintendent Dennis Carlson said there was no evidence bullying played a role in any of the deaths. In a new statement on the district's website, Carlson says no one can be sure about events leading up to a suicide, but bullying can be a factor. He also apologized to those who felt his 2010 statement was insensitive. Carlson's new statement did not confirm that bullying contributed to the Anoka suicides.