

WPXI.com

Allegheny County Supports Teen Dating Violence Education

Proposed Bill Honors Slain Teenager

Posted: 10:19 pm EDT May 4, 2010 Updated: 10:27 pm EDT May 4, 2010

PITTSBURGH -- The father of a slain high school cheerleader is fighting to make sure what happened to his daughter doesn't happen to anyone else.

The Demi Cuccia bill would require schools to teach students about dating violence.

In August 2007, 16-year-old Cuccia was stabbed to death by her boyfriend in her home on Elliott Road in Monroeville.

John Mullarkey is now serving life in prison.

Tuesday night, Allegheny County council passed a resolution, urging state lawmakers to pass the bill.

Cuccia's father said teen violence is a growing problem that needs attention.

"This is an epidemic and we need to do something. If we just continue to talk about it, it's not going to have that much effect. We need to talk. All this energy, all this momentum, get this bill passed so the governor can sign it in to law and put it into the classroom so our children can get the education," said Gary Cuccia.

Seven municipalities or counties have already voiced support for the bill.

Copyright 2010 by [WPXI.com](http://www.wpxi.com). All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.