Local family files lawsuit against Otsego Local Schools

TONTOGANY, Ohio (13abc Action News) - Charles Boyk is representing the family involved in a lawsuit filed Monday against the Otsego School District.

It alleges the district did very little to stop two brothers from bullying and harassing a former student over a three year period.

Boyk tells 13abc, "The parents went to the school board, went to the principal and the superintendent, they made complaints on a regular basis."

The lawsuit claims the two brothers sexually assaulted the 11-year old while riding the bus when she was in the second grade.

Boyk tells 13abc, "They pulled her pants down, they spanked her, in front of all the other students on the bus, and the bus driver did not inform the parents, there was a video of this event, and this video was destroyed."

Boyk says because of the incidents, the little girl was suicidal, she's had to go to therapy, and she's now attending another school.

We reached out to the superintendent of Otsego Local Schools to discuss the lawsuit.

Superintendent Adam Koch sent this statement to 13abc, "We take these allegations seriously. The Otsego Local School District has been advised that litigation has been initiated against the Board regarding a student matter. It is the policy of the Otsego Local School District Board of Education to not discuss pending litigation."