Understanding the consequences of your response to bullying

Lesson 8, Student Activity 2, Part 1

You become aware that a school mate of yours (not really a friend, but you see them in class everyday and know them to say hi), is the subject of some very embarrassing comments on a MySpace page that you and a lot of your friends see and use often. You also know that this school mate is very upset by these remarks and has been absent from school the last few days.

1. If you and your friends witness this bullying, but do nothing about it, what message does this send to the bully?

2. What are some things you and your friends can do to act socially responsible in this situation?

3. If you and your friends choose to stand up for your classmate, how have you changed your school climate regarding bullying?

4. In this case of supporting your classmate, what message is communicated to the bully or bullies?