

ETHICS IN EDUCATION



Don't be this Guy!

- Was that wrong?



Protecting Students Saving Careers/Lives

- Awareness
- Recognize Danger Zones
- Strategies
- Resources

SLIPPERY SLOPE

Tier I



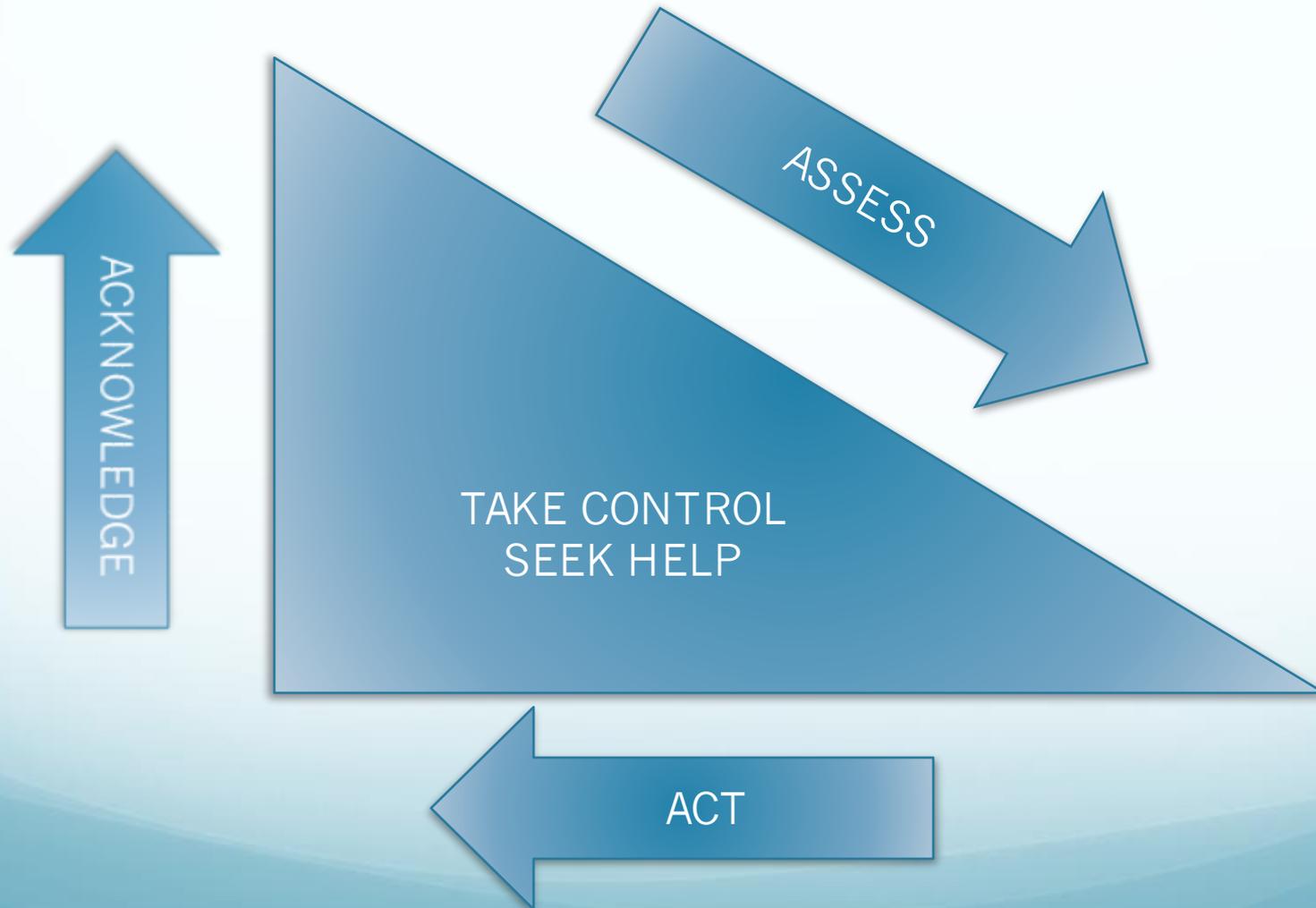
Tier II



Tier III

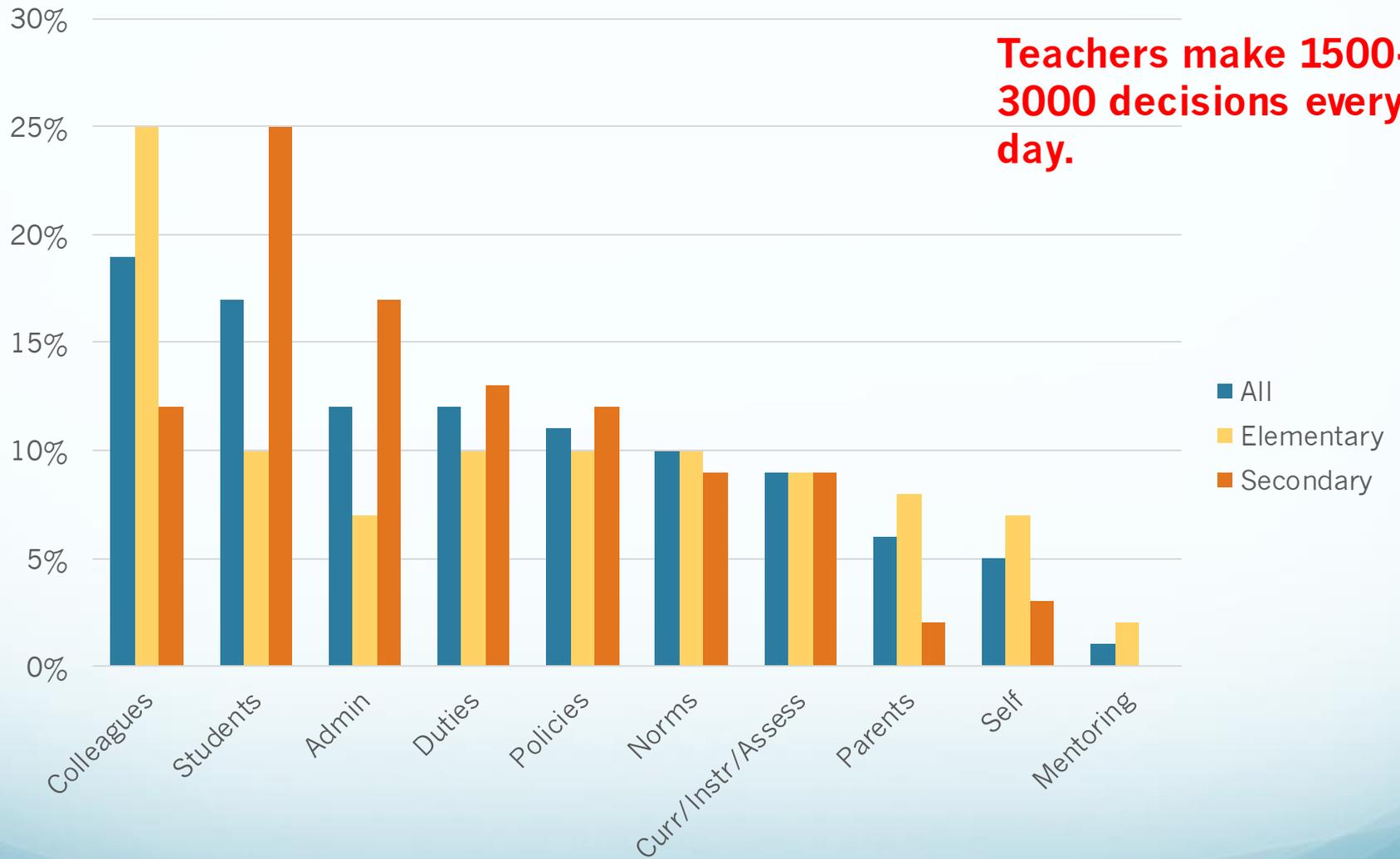


What is the Slippery Slope



Ethical Dilemma Categories

Teachers make 1500-3000 decisions every day.



Profiles



Dr. Troy Hutchings Research
Examples

The Progression...

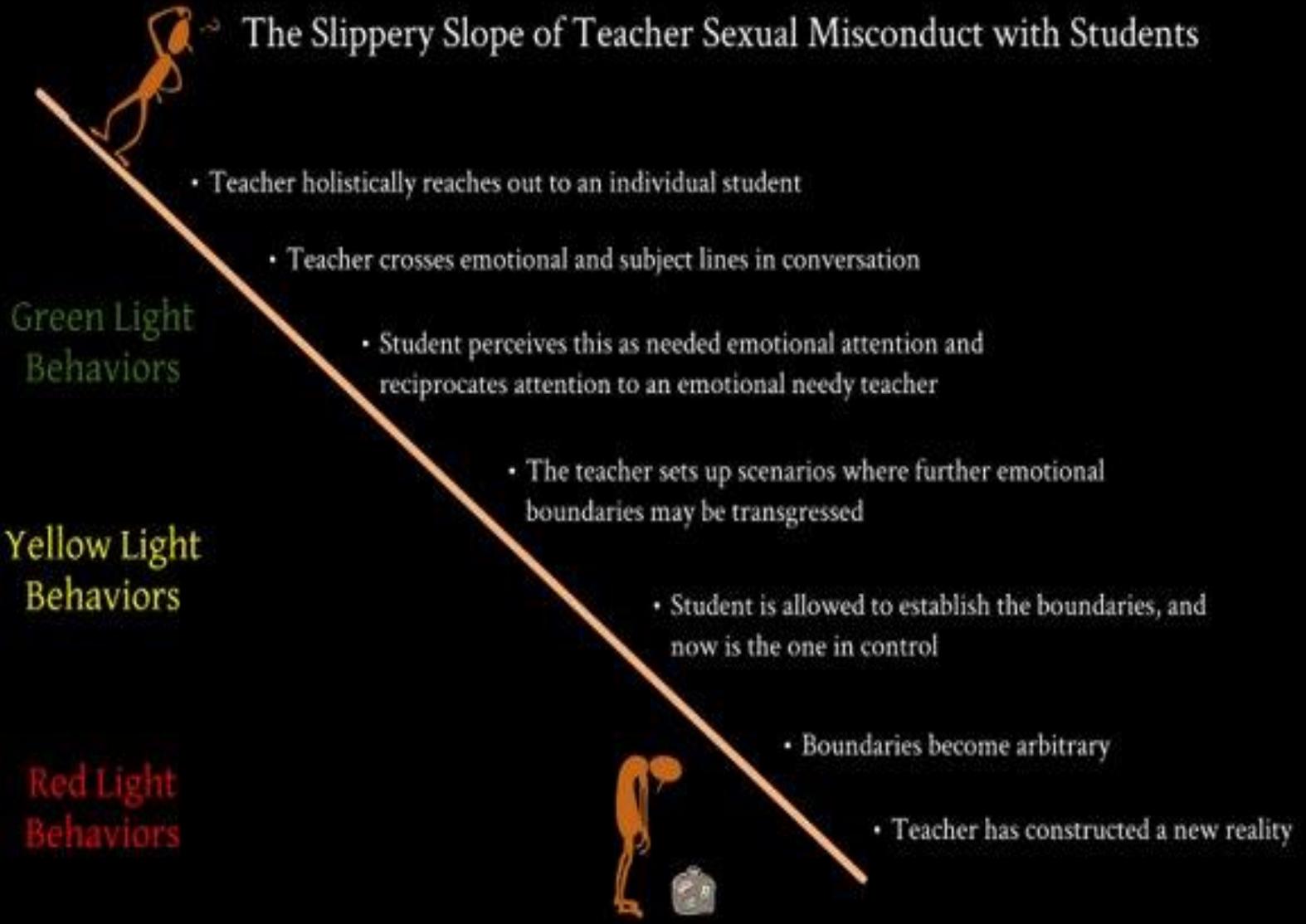


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Misconduct is **NOT** an event,
it is a process!

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The Slippery Slope of Teacher Sexual Misconduct with Students



Where will this lead?

Where is the
Point-of-No-Return
on the Slippery Slope
Continuum?

If a teacher does not clearly establish
the very first boundary, then all other
boundaries have the potential to
become arbitrary.

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TEACHERS



Teaching is a High-Risk Profession

Social Media Safety

- Know District Guidelines
- Do Not Friend Or Follow Students on Your Private Accounts
- Keep Profile Pictures Clean – avoid anything that could be construed as inappropriate; even with privacy lockdown, pictures can still appear on search engines
- Snap Posts Can Last Forever
- Set Accounts To Private – use separate personal and professional accounts
- Never Complain About Your Job Online
- Never Post Photos of Students
- Profile affiliations, geo-tagging, mentioning school name in posts may allow your post to be found on search engines even with privacy settings
- Text students only through 3rd party apps such as Remind or in groups that include administrators and/or parents
- Carefully consider what you are posting and possible responses (West Ada employee post about Mayor)

ON SOCIAL MEDIA

It's Good To: **OVERSHARE**

the Professional

UNDER SHARE

the Personal

NEVER SHARE

the Private

(BECAUSE THAT'S JUST CREEPY!)

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@GwynethJones - The Daring Librarian



This (ethical decision-making) is the elephant in the room...if we had somebody with whom we could talk to on a regular basis about the elephant in the room

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Research Participant (Hutchings & Norris, 2013)

<https://vimeo.com/126979216>

LIFELINE



Identify 2 people you can go to for advice/support if you find yourself in an ethical dilemma (Tier II)

How Do You Respond?



We may all speak a different moral language in our personal lives but as educators we need to have the same ethical language we speak - agreed upon standards and principals to guide decision making.

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Duty To Report

- Abuse/ Abandonment/Neglect
- Self-Harm
- Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation
- Suicidal Tendencies
- Knowledge of Violation of Code of Ethics

See It, Hear It, Report It

Summary

- Not about personal judgement but about basis for making decisions
- About the principles that guide our decision making (they should know better is not good enough)
- Know and follow Code of Ethics
- Ongoing Training
- Questions/Answers
- Contact Luke or Matt

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