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Subject: Please protect WC marginalized youth

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Hello all,

These are the kids who don't get invited to parties. The ones who may be sitting alone in the cafeteria each day because they haven't found anyone they can connect to. They are often ridiculed and harassed by kids in their own school. I am a Williamson County taxpayer whose children have long grown up and out of our school system. I am also a person who believes in allowing people to be their most authentic selves and the freedom to find others who are in their tribe. Some social media groups (specifically the Moms For Liberty group) have been vocal about wanting to end school programs that support LGBTQ children and to discipline two kids who quickly kissed during the parade last week (I've seen the video, as I hope some of you have, too...it was most definitely just a peck, and not the exaggerated mess that MFL is claiming). I cannot imagine how difficult your jobs must be currently, and I thank each of you for showing up every single day - each board meeting seems to bring along with it such an angry faction of our community, and their voices are tremendously loud. But please also know that there are many who know, or are related to, or have taught kids just like the ones who are being persecuted right now. Those kids need a safe space to connect with other kids like them, and they deserve the chance to do so. It is my great hope that the school board will not dissolve programs such as these on Williamson County campuses.

I am a mom, an FSSD teacher, and a member of this community. My voice may not be as loud as some of these MFL ladies, but I still hope to be heard.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration,
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Subject: LGBTQ in WCS

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Dear School Board members,

Thank you for your community service to the Williamson County Schools. It came to my attention Moms for Liberty, a conservative parent’s organization, is speaking tonight about the LGBTQ groups at Williamson County schools. As a parent [REDACTED] mentioning they are straight only because of this topic, had wonderful friends in the LGBTQ group. I was NOT worried their friends would make them LGBT or Q. They just enjoyed being friends. One of the greatest ideas America gave to all citizens of this country was a guarantee of an education. The public school system isn’t perfect but the one thing I love about it is diversity. The public school must take everyone, no one can be denied an education. If you have a learning disability, or a physical disability the public school welcomes you. You don’t have to be the smartest kid, a certain gender or color. Our public schools are a snapshot of our broader society and that society includes the LGBTQ group. The LGBTQ could be my kids’ future boss, employee or coworker. My kids have learned with the help of the public school system, they are not a group to fear, but just people who are woven in the complex society we call America. I wouldn’t have it any other way.

Thank you for your time and again for your community service,
Penny Kemle

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Subject: Independence Gay/Straight Alliance Float

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As a WCS parent, I am horrified by what I am reading on twitter, facebook and instagram over the past few days from the "Moms 4 Liberty" organization. What occurred on the Independence High School Gay/Straight Alliance float was nothing more than a peck. If it goes against school PDA rules, it could have easily been handled by a teacher or administrator. I strongly suspect if it had been male and female students, not a word would have been said. To use this as an excuse to insult, belittle and spew hate towards our LGBTQ students and staff is outrageous. WCS should be a place where ALL students and staff feel welcomed, valued, and have the opportunity to get the best education possible in a nurturing environment. I don't want ANY child to feel they are "less than" because a small group of adults have a hateful agenda.

I feel like over the past couple of years, the majority of parents want what's best for all students and staff, but are being silenced by a loud, bullying minority of people (some not even WCS parents) who simply scream hatred louder than the rest of us. Please do not allow them to continue this behavior or to post our children's faces all over the internet. It is unacceptable and devastating for adolescents still trying to find their place in the world.

Thank you for all the work you do for our children!

Sincerely,
Sharon Barraco