
FW: Support for Mrs Gieslinger

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Greetings School Board

I wanted to take a moment to get in touch to express my support for Mrs Gieslinger as our trustee here in Lake Country.

I realise there has been criticism directed at her for not appearing in an ideological-based photo. I fully support Mrs Gieslinger's decision to not participate in an out of school, non trustee related. She has always been a kind and respectful person, and should not have been criticised.

No adult should be taken to task for opting out of a photo with a drag queen, and I applaud the polite manner in which she did this. Mrs Gieslinger has gone out of her way to speak openly with students in our schools, and she has heard feedback from children about how they feel they do not feel safe expressing a desire to not participate in SOGI and other ideologically gender things.

I have 3 daughters in our school district, and all 3 feel unsafe in a situation where the pride rainbow is displayed and revered. Due to our family situation and past, this pride rainbow says to them "you're not as important as those who stand under this rainbow". This rainbow says "the things you believe don't matter, rainbow things matter more". The pride rainbow says to them "don't even think of suggesting you don't support this rainbow or we will ridicule and shame you". These are all real things my daughters have felt in our schools.

Because of this, I wanted to reiterate my support for Mrs Gieslinger and the rights of all. Not one single child was harmed in her actions, but I can attest to the lack of safety my own children have felt at the hands of the same mob that has attacked Mrs Gieslinger.

Thank you for your time,

Carlie Patterson

Lake Country resident