

Statement on Central Bucks School District Advocacy Policy

LGBTQ and nonbinary students have a right to feel safe and supported in all Pennsylvania schools. We are alarmed that Central Bucks School District has approved another policy that will further dehumanize and discriminate against gay, transgender, and nonbinary students.

Policy 321 hides behind a pretense of "neutrality and balance," but students in the district have offered eloquent testimony describing how they are hurt and stigmatized by the district's choices to ban pride flags and to declare their identities "political." The vague and overbroad Policy 321 will only serve to censor educators, driving more from the field, and prevent all students from respectful, enriching classroom discussions that prepare them for success as adults. The policy refers to "teaching students how to think" but will instead signal to students that it is okay to discriminate.

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