

LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
 500 N. Walnut Street  
 La Habra, CA 90631  
 May 11, 2023

Board Members Present	Ofelia Hanson, President Emily Pruitt, Vice President Sue Pritchard, Ph.D., Member Adam Rogers, Member
Administrators Present	Mario Carlos, Ed.D., Superintendent Sheryl Tecker, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Marcie Poole, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Education Services Christeen Betz, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Formal Call to Order	Board President, Ofelia Hanson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	President Ofelia Hanson asked Delilah Recinos to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
Adoption of the Agenda	After a motion was made by Emily Pruitt, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Sue Pritchard asked the Board of Education to table Item 11.a. - Second Reading of Board Policies, to allow for additional time to review. Sue Pritchard also inquired if the Board would consider allowing extra time for those people in attendance who submitted a public comment card to be heard. Trustees unanimously adopted the Agenda for May 11, 2023 with amendments.
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting	On a motion made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion made by Emily Pruitt, Trustees unanimously approved the minutes of the Meeting for April 13, 2023. <sup>1</sup>
Correspondence	No correspondence.
Public Interest	<p>Deanna Putnam, the principal of El Cerrito, welcomed everyone and introduced Joanne Morton and the Crafts 4 Causes club presenters. As part of the EPIC program's after-school Crafts 4 Causes club, students make crafts to give to the community in order to bring a smile and happiness to others.</p> <p>El Cerrito students shared about their part in The Kindness Rocks Project. The project's goal is to promote kindness. Every rock is uniquely painted and includes a handwritten message. Rocks are scattered throughout the community with the help of students, parents, and staff. The rocks will be positioned in open spaces so that other people can easily find them. Everyone is urged to take part in the campaign by picking up a rock they find, taking a photo with it, and sharing it on social media.</p> <p>Dr. Sheryl Tecker recognized the Certificated employees who will be retiring after the school year. A bell was given to each employee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April Sandoval</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susana Kurth</li> <li>• Robert Sykes</li> <li>• Gregory Ornelas</li> <li>• Ellen Garcia</li> <li>• Cynthia Smith</li> <li>• Ava Cooper (not present)</li> <li>• Valeria King (not present)</li> </ul> <p>Danelle Bautista recognized Classified employees who will be retiring after the school year. A bell was given to each employee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria Saucedo</li> <li>• Jesus Gonzalez (not present)</li> <li>• Thomas Contreras (not present)</li> <li>• Rosa Gerber (not present)</li> <li>• April Poterfield (not present)</li> <li>• Jose Martin Cisneros (not present)</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Marcie Poole, along with Dr. Rosa Murillo, Ms. Chavez, Ms. Valencia, and Ms. Araiza Rodriguez, addressed the Board with their recommendation for the science adoption curriculum. Staff piloted both TWIG and HMH when the process got underway in 2021. After trainings and piloting both publishers, staff inquired about piloting Full Option Science System (FOSS).</p> <p>Staff members participated in the FOSS pilot and unquestionably chose FOSS for a variety of reasons. Engagement of both teachers and students, ease of website navigation, a wealth of materials for teaching the target language, and seamless application of LHCS D best practices.</p> <p>Dr. Murillo consented to extending the time during which parents could access the science materials for review in order to enable more parents to study the curriculum.</p>
Public Comments	<p>Pastor Samuel Rodriguez is a longtime resident of the city of La Habra. In response to the Genderbread indoctrination he recently learned about, Pastor Rodriguez expressed worry. He has concerns regarding the District implementing a hidden program without parents' knowledge.</p> <p>Rocio Carmona recalls a private discussion she had about diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) with the former Superintendent. Ms. Carmona said she didn't know what the phrase meant and enquired about it.</p> <p>Ms. Carmona worries that her daughter is too young to comprehend what gender identification is.</p> <p>Ruby Martinez previously had three children in the LHCS D, but removed them as a result of decisions that were made during COVID by administration. Currently, she homeschools her kids. Asking teachers to stay quiet about future trainings is not right. Parents should not have to worry about what conversations are being held at school.</p> <p>Steve Acevedo has two daughters that attend the LHCS D. He is strongly against the gender identity training that is being pushed onto children as young as 2 years old. The training that is going on is teaching children about identity, attraction, sex, and the expression of it. He does not want his child learning about this. He added that students go to school to learn about math, history, science, etc.</p>

Felipe Rodriguez has five children that attended the La Habra schools. He asked the Board not to sell themselves. He stated that the world is full of people with twisted minds and not to make it worse.

Public comments are limited to 20-minutes per topic. After the in-person comments, approximately 6 ½ minutes remained. The Executive Assistant timed President Hanson while she read the emails that were received.

President Ofelia Hanson read the following emails:

As a concerned uncle of 2 young boys attending La Habra District. I do not agree with your faculty teaching children gender selection. La Habra District should focus on scholastic materials and should leave gender selection teachings for parents at home.

Sincerely,

A concern Uncle.

Alberto

To whom it may concern

I am an uncle of 2 little boys 5 year old and 9 year old that attend Sierra Vista Elementary school. I am reaching out to you guys regarding the new idea from the government to teach gender ideology. I believe that, that is not right and my Sister and brother in law shouldn't be going through that, that's a conversation my sister and in law should be having with their kids not a teacher. They go to school to learn their general education not to learn about gender ideology. Their mind is not develop for that and I think it's wrong. Please with all the respect do not teach this to the innocent kids it's not necessary.

Thank you!

Noe

I saw a social media post that contained dangerous language about an important teacher training and I wanted to make sure you understand that as a parent in La Habra, this post doesn't speak for me or anyone I know.

My wife and I are raising our child to be the kind of person who makes the world a safer and more friendly place. We want him to know that there are lots of different types in the world and that they all deserve kindness and respect.

As a father in the district, I am thrilled that La Habra is offering training to teachers that helps them understand what some kids may be going through and how they can best support their students.

Keep up the good work.

Thanks,

Korey

Parent in the La Habra City School District

Dear La Habra City School District Board,

I am a La Habra resident and future LHCS D parent. I would like to register my very strong support for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training for all teachers in this district. My child is young, but she will grow fast and I would hope that she would always be accepted and supported in school no matter who she is. DEI is beneficial for everyone, and teachers who are trained to be aware of the many intersecting identities of their students will be better teachers for all of their students. DEI is not just about LGBTQ+ issues, it is also about race, ability, neurotypicality, and socio-economic status. This covers such a wide range of students, to the parents and school board

members listening, don't you want your children to be treated with kindness and dignity no matter who they are? That is what DEI training is all about. There is a very troubling trend in this country to demonize the LGBTQ+ community, especially trans people, and I hope that La Habra can avoid this backward looking, fear mongering, behavior. We are a community, we should strive to be a community of kindness where all are welcome and equally respected.

Thank you for your time,  
Joy

To whom it may concern,

Hello I am a parent of 2 children that attend Sierra Vista Elementary School in La Habra. I am reaching out to you guys to relay my heavy concern in regards to the Gender Ideology. My wife and I are against any thought or idea of introducing such confusing and irrational thought process of person deciding what gender they prefer to be identified as to such small and innocent minds. Please do not bring this into our children's schools. I don't disregard that it is a subject that is part of today's society but I strongly believe that it's a subject that us as their parents should talk to them about. Please with all do respect, don't bring that curriculum to our very young children!

Thank you  
Joel

Good afternoon,

I am writing the school board today in response to the backlash against teachers in the La Habra School District teaching about diversity, equity, and inclusion in their classrooms. It has come to my attention that many parents with children in La Habra schools think that these inclusive messages are being forcefully "pushed" onto the students. I would just like to say to the parents who are against inclusive and pro-LGBTQ+ messages being taught in schools; it is not a bad thing for your children to be taught compassionate messages. I understand that things are different from when you were children, but it is no longer socially acceptable in most spaces to be homophobic or racist. I understand that many of you were raised in a different time, but we now live in a time, and a state, where diversity is not only accepted, but embraced. That all being said, it is absolutely the school's job to teach students these anti-hate messages. Children are not innately racist, homophobic, or bigoted, but they aren't innately compassionate and understanding either. These traits are taught. And given that your kids are not being taught these inclusive and compassionate messages at home, it is important that the school does it to create a new generation of students who have empathy for each other. A school's job is to both educate and socialize students. Therefore, it is important that schools teach their students how to treat all people with respect and kindness. I saw an Instagram account that was complaining about La Habra schools teaching about a "gingerbread person". The reality is that many people in our society identify as non-binary. Whether you accept it or not, that is an identity that many people share. Your children are going to interact with non-binary people, perhaps maybe some of your children identify as non-binary as well. In that case, is it really so awful for your children to learn how to be respectful of pronouns and others' gender identity? All these lessons are doing are teaching your children how to consider perspectives and opinions beyond those they've already formed or were shaped in their early life. Maybe instead of arguing against these messages being taught, you should consider learning about them yourself.


Best,

Veronica

(Former intern at Imperial Middle School)

<p><b>Consent Calendar Action Item:</b></p>	<p>On a motion made by Adam Rogers, and a second to the motion made by Emily Pruitt, Trustees unanimously approved the consent calendar.</p> <p><b>Educational Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Contract Reports – Educational Services/Special Education/Master Special Education<sup>2</sup></li> <li>➤ Staff Development<sup>3</sup></li> <li>➤ University Agreements<sup>4</sup></li> <li>➤ Memberships<sup>5</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>Business Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Business Services<sup>6</sup></li> <li>➤ Expenditures<sup>7</sup></li> <li>➤ Field Contracts<sup>8</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>Personnel Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Separations/New Hires<sup>9</sup></li> <li>➤ Change of Status<sup>10</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>INSTRUCTION AND PERSONNEL</b> <b>Action Item:</b> Approval of New Certificated Job Descriptions</p>	<p>On a motion made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously approved the new certificated job descriptions: <sup>11</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Enrichment and Wellness Program Specialist</li> <li>• Special Education and Student Services Program Specialist</li> <li>• Elementary Art Teacher</li> <li>• Music Teacher - Temporary</li> <li>• District Librarian/Media Teacher</li> <li>• BRIDGE Site Lead</li> <li>• EPIC Site Lead</li> </ul>
<p><b>Information Item:</b> Approval of New Classified Job Description - Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Paraprofessional</p>	<p>On a motion made by Emily Pruitt, and a second to the motion made by Sue Pritchard, Trustees unanimously approved the new classified job description for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Paraprofessional. <sup>12</sup></p>
<p><b>Action Item:</b> Approval of New Classified Job Description - Nutrition Services Supervisor</p>	<p>On a motion made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously approved the new classified job description for Nutrition Services Supervisor. Memo was updated to reflect the correct funding source. <sup>13</sup></p>
<p><b>Action Item:</b> Classified Early Retirement Request</p>	<p>On a motion made by Emily Pruitt, and a second to the motion made by Sue Pritchard, Trustees unanimously approved the classified early retirement request. <sup>14</sup></p>
<p><b>BUSINESS MATTERS</b> <b>Action Item:</b> Authorization to Participate in Piggyback Bid for Dairy Products</p>	<p>On a motion made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion made by Emily Pruitt, Trustees unanimously approved the participation in Hesperia Unified School District's RFP No. 21-008 Nutrition Services-Dairy Products for the 2023-24 school year. Effective dates are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. <sup>15</sup></p>
<p><b>GENERAL MATTERS</b></p>	<p>Item was tabled.</p>

<p><b>Action Item:</b> Approval of Board Policies – Second Reading</p>	
<p><b>Information/Action Item:</b> Governing Board Member Vacancy Procedures</p>	<p>Spencer Covert, an attorney from Parker &amp; Covert LLP, discussed options for filling the vacant position. He reviewed Board Bylaw 9223 which provides guidance and described the process in detail. In accordance with Board Bylaw 9223, the Board has three options from within 60 days of the day the resignation was submitted to the County Superintendent's office:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appoint a new Board member who will serve until the next school Board election in November 2024. This is known as “provisional appointment” because a petition can be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools to require an election. Or, the Board can instead,</li> <li>2. Call and pay for a Special Election. Election would take place on November 7, 2023. The Registrar of Voters estimates the cost of this election to the La Habra School District would be \$500,000 to \$600,000 if the election were called by the Board. This cost is due to the fact that this would be a so-called “standalone election.” i.e., the election on November 7, 2023 will not be consolidated with a primary or general election, or</li> <li>3. The Board can take no action within the 60 days. If no action is taken by the Board, then the County Superintendent is required to call a Special Election. Based upon timing, that election might be held as late as the March primary, 2024.</li> </ol> <p>Sue Pritchard made a motion to suspend the bylaws and move forward with offering the position to either Rocio Carmona or Joshua Atwater. Motion not seconded; Motion failed.</p> <p>On a motion made by Adam Rogers, and a second to the motion made by Emily Pruitt, Trustees Rogers, Pruitt, and Hanson approved, Trustee Pritchard abstained, the option of making a Provisional Appointment to fill the Board vacancy. A timeline was discussed and Trustees decided on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 15-31, 2023 – Advertise the vacancy</li> <li>• June 2, 2023 – President Ofelia Hanson &amp; Vice President Emily Pruitt will review the applications</li> <li>• June 8, 2023 – Special Board Meeting 6:00 pm – Open Session interviews</li> <li>• June 18, 2023 – Within 10 calendar days after the appointment is made, the Board shall post notices of the actual vacancy, and the full name of the provisional appointee and the date of their appointment by the Board. The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Government Code 6061 and posted in at least three public places within the District. <sup>16</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>Board/Superintendent Comments</b></p>	<p>Trustees provided comments on the following topics and areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to the El Cerrito students for a great presentation and the lovely rocks.</li> <li>• Congrats to all the retirees!</li> <li>• Happy Staff Appreciation Week to all the wonderful employees. We are grateful for each of you.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to the District on the NAMM Award. Everyone should be so proud including the students and their families.</li> <li>• Cheers to Whitney Reeve on her recent award from North OC SELPA.</li> <li>• Well done to the new ESY Leads at Las Lomas &amp; Arbolita.</li> <li>• Congrats to Imperial Middle School &amp; Washington Middle School for a successful first annual Art Show at the Community Center. The show was incredible and it was great to see the arts back!</li> <li>• The theatrical performance at Washington Middle School was fun!</li> <li>• Kudos to Mr. White, Mr. Ochoa, and the entire staff at Washington Middle School for the positive school climate that was present during a recent tour of the campus.</li> <li>• “One doesn’t have to operate with great malice to do great harm. The absence of empathy and understanding are sufficient.” Charles Blow Hate has no place here. The District is dedicated to supporting a diverse community. Every child deserves to come to school and feel safe and welcomed.</li> <li>• Thank you to everyone who participated in the Citrus Fair including the Robot Rally.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Carlos provided comments on the following topics and areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A lot of activities going on around the District. Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work.</li> <li>• Attended the induction for new teachers and it was with great pride to see all the new teachers eager and excited for their next step.</li> </ul>
Adjournment	President Ofelia Hanson announced that the next regular meeting would be held on June 15, 2023 at the District. There being no further business meeting items before the Board, on a motion made by Adam Rogers, and a second to the motion by Emily Pruitt the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.
Board Minutes Approved:	June 15, 2023   Mario A. Carlos, Ed.D. Secretary to the Board

<sup>1</sup> Approval of Minutes

<sup>2</sup> Contract Reports – Educational Services/Special Education/Master Special Education

<sup>3</sup> Staff Development

<sup>4</sup> University Agreements

<sup>5</sup> Memberships

<sup>6</sup> Business Services

<sup>7</sup> Expenditures Report

<sup>8</sup> Field Contracts

<sup>9</sup> Separations/New Hires

<sup>10</sup> Change of Status

<sup>11</sup> Approval of New Certificated Job Descriptions

<sup>12</sup> Approval of New Classified Job Description – Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Paraprofessional

<sup>13</sup> Approval of New Classified Job Description - Nutrition Services Supervisor

<sup>14</sup> Classified Early Retirement Request

<sup>15</sup> Authorization to Participate in Piggyback Bid for Dairy Products

<sup>16</sup> Governing Board Member Vacancy Procedures



Virginia Cosylion <[vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)>

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## Public Comment for Board Meeting

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**Casey Morlet** <[cmorlet3@gmail.com](mailto:cmorlet3@gmail.com)>

Mon, May 8, 2023 at 9:29 PM

To: Virginia Cosylion <[vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)>

Hi Gina,

Could you please have this comment read at the school board meeting on Thursday? We are unable to attend. Thanks! --  
Casey

Members of the Board,

Last year we pulled our two school-age children from La Habra schools, in great part due to the lack of parent choice in our children's education. School has become too political, disrespecting parents' roles in the lives of their children. What happened to teaching Math and Reading? Instead it has become about pushing an agenda. This is unacceptable. It has come to our attention that recent district training has taken place regarding gender identity in the classroom, an issue that is highly politicized and one that we believe should not be addressed in schools, but instead in the home. Sending our kids back to public school has always been an option, however because parent choice continues to be undermined in La Habra, we choose to homeschool our three kids again next year. Enrollment is decreasing. When are you going to realize that this trajectory is not sustainable?





Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Public Comment

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**Virginia Garcia** <virginia\_garcia21@yahoo.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Wed, May 10, 2023 at 10:50 AM

What options are there for the children that do not want to participate in the transgender/gay/nonbinary teaching?

Is this a class a course? How is this going to be taught?

How often will these lessons occur?

What options are the children given wether or not to participate?

Is the district working towards having a unisex sharing restrooms?

What else sex related is the district not wanting to share with parents?

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Public comment

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**Maria Uyesugi** <m.uyes@hotmail.com>

Wed, May 10, 2023 at 2:17 PM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

Good afternoon,

I am writing regarding concerns I have with the school teaching my children gender ideology.

It was recently brought to my attention that the La Habra School District will be implementing this topic into the schools, possibly using the "Gingerbread model."

I do not agree with gender ideology, it goes against my religious beliefs. I feel my family's right to our religious beliefs are not being protected should this topic be implemented.

Creating a safe school environment for all students is important to me. The school should be doing this by teaching kindness, anti bullying, that all families are different, that we are all unique and have different likes and interests. Not by teaching a subjective topic, gender identity, that will cause confusion for many of our children.

In schools and communities where this topic is already being pushed onto our children, it is creating more confusion, more divide between families, more mental health problems for our children.

As a parent I do not support or agree with the implementation of teaching gender ideology in our school.

Moreover, I expect to be made aware if such a topic were to be implemented into my children's curriculum with an option to have my children opt out the topic.

Sincerely,  
Maria Uyesugi

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Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please read at May 11th board meeting

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**Krystal Fierro** <krkrfi09@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Wed, May 10, 2023 at 10:22 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the parent of a 1st grader. I have been hearing that some staff in the district have been receiving training regarding gender identity and a genderbread person. I would like to request transparency about any training that is provided to the teachers who are with our children daily. Also, I would like to know, what is the intent of this training? Is it so that teachers can provide this information to our children and encourage gender choice? Because that would not be ok. This is not something that needs to be taught in the classroom. This is something that should be taught at home, and aligned with parental and home values. I know other parents in the district who feel the same as I do and who are considering pulling their children out of the district after hearing about this and not being informed.

I am also aware that board member Cynthia Aguirre resigned. What was the reason for that? And now that there is a spot open, I would like to request that one of former candidates, Rocio Carmona or Joshua Atwater, be considered for the position. The community voted for them and they are both great options to represent the La Habra City School District.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Krystal



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## public comment request

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Lauren McNair <littlepumpkinsewing@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 9:46 AM

Hello, I'd like to request my comment be read during "public comment" time at tonight's board meeting. Thank you.

To the La Habra City School District Board Members,

Unfortunately I cannot attend tonight's meeting as I am working, but I did feel the need to voice my opinion.

First is on the matter of Cythia Aguirre's resignation. As a voting member of the community, I would like to propose the next candidate from elections be appointed to the board, which would be Rocio Carmona, since she lost by 50 votes.

Secondly, as you all know, parents are catching wind of a training at one of the La Habra school's regarding "inclusive schools" and "gender affirming care." It is being said that the training from the company Kinder Future is telling teachers not to inform parents of their child's wishes. My first question is why? Why lie to parents? If this is true, how dare you put teachers in that situation and how dare you lie to parents, your community stakeholders. As a former public education teacher of 13 years, I am appalled that the district would be telling their staff to lie to parents and making them the middle man. Not only would the district be setting itself up for multiple lawsuits as in Escondido with teachers suing the district, but you are losing the trust of parents. The trust to have us send our babies to your schools and in your care is diminishing. With a lack of trust, parents will continue to pull their children from your schools and attendance will keep declining.

I think all parents are asking for is transparency. These important conversations should not be held behind closed doors. These are OUR children. And at the end of the day, we all just want what is right for our kids. Openness, honesty, and trust. It is a two-way street, and right now it is not feeling as such.

Sincerely,  
Lauren McNair



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Public Board Comment

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**Kurt Hessinger** <khessinger@gmail.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 11:33 AM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

My name is Kurt Hessinger and I am a current City of La Habra resident.

I am writing this morning to provide my full support in hosting a professional development for teachers in La Habra on how to best support LGBTQ students.

As a person who is in the field of education, I feel it is important to assist students who identify as LGBTQ as there are very few resources available to support not only students, but the educators who are responsible for passing on knowledge as well.

All students need help and support, but not all are understood or feel comfortable asking for assistance as they feel misunderstood.

As educators, it is our responsibility to ensure we understand the students we are teaching and to provide the resources necessary to ensure they are receiving the support they deserve.

I am 100% in support of LGBTQ professional development for teachers!

We can help our students by helping our teachers and community understand!

Thank you!

Kurt

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Kurt Hessinger



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please read at May 11 2023 Board Meeting

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**Karina Romero** <kromero8@yahoo.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 11:56 AM

To whom it may concern,

Hello. I am an Aunt of 2 little boys that attend Sierra Vista Elementary school. I am reaching out to you guys in regards to this new idea from the government to teach Gender Ideology to little children. I am totally against that and I believe my brother and his wife should be the ones talking to their kids about stuff like that. Not the school! The school has no right to do such thing. Kids go to school to learn Math, science, English, letters and numbers. Not what gender they identify one day or the other. The school has no business in teaching any of that to my nephews or any other child. It will only cause confusion in such innocent minds. Please with all due respect do not teach this to little kids. It's just not right. Let the parents talk to their kids about that if they believe it's necessary to do so. Thank you.  
Sent from my iPhone



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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**Please read at May 11, 2023 Board Meeting.**

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**Maggie Valenzuela** <maggie.valenzuela@yahoo.com>  
To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 12:01 PM

To whom it may concern,

Hello, I am a parent of 2 students that attend at Sierra Visita Elementary School in La Habra District. I'm really concern in regards to the Gender Ideology, My husband and I are against of any thoughts or ideas about the Gender Ideology to be introduce to our children. Us as parents that is our job to talk to them about it, with all do respect it is Not the School job to talk to my kids about deciding what gender they prefer to be identified as. Please don't bring that curriculum to our very young innocent children. Thank you.



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## Please read May 11 2023 board meeting

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Yesenia Balbuena <yeseniabalbuena1503@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 12:04 PM

To whom it ky concernen;

I am an aunt of 2 students that currently attend Sierra Vista Elementary school at La Habra District. As an aunt , I am really concerned about the Gender Idiology. My nephews are been raised on a Christian environment Wich we believe and stand that there is only 2 genders either Female or Male. We don't agree with the school idea of introducing this confusing idea of gender ideology. As a parent we are concerned and school should only be educating our children not raising or changing our parental ideas. With respect to the school please Do Not give this idea of gender ideology to our children.

Sent from my iPhone





Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Fwd: Please read at May 11 2023 board meeting

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Joel Romero <joelmero053005@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 12:09 PM

> To whom it may concern,

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> Hello I am a parent of 2 children that attend Sierra Vista Elementary School in La Habra. I am reaching out to you guys to relay my heavy concern in regards to the Gender Ideology. My wife and I are against any thought or idea of introducing such confusing and irrational thought process of person deciding what gender they prefer to be identified as to such small and innocent minds. Please do not bring this into our children's schools. I don't disregard that it is a subject that is part of todays society but I strongly believe that it's a subject that us as their parents should talk to them about. Please with all do respect, don't bring that curriculum to our very young children! Thank you.

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> Sent from my iPhone



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**PLEASE READ AT MAY 11 2023 BOARD MEETING**

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Irma Romero <irmarenteria417@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 12:13 PM

Hola. Soy abuela de 2 niños pequeños que asisten a la escuela primaria Sierra Vista. De 5 y 9 años. Me comunico con ustedes con respecto a esta nueva idea del gobierno para enseñar ideología de género a niños pequeños. Estoy totalmente en contra de eso y creo que mi hijo y su esposa deberían ser los que hablen con sus hijos sobre cosas como esa. ¡No la escuela! La escuela no tiene derecho a hacer tal cosa. Los niños van a la escuela a aprender matemáticas, ciencias, inglés, letras y números. No qué género identifican un día o el otro. La escuela no tiene por qué enseñarle nada de eso a mis nietos ni a ningún otro niño/niña. Solo causará confusión en mentes tan inocentes. Por favor con todo respeto no les enseñen esto a niños pequeños. Simplemente no está bien. Deje que los padres hablen con sus hijos sobre eso si creen que es necesario hacerlo. Gracias. Enviado desde mi iPhone



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## Public Board Comment

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Davidson, Veronica <vdavidson@csu.fullerton.edu>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 1:04 PM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

Good afternoon,

I am writing the school board today in response to the backlash against teachers in the La Habra School District teaching about diversity, equity, and inclusion in their classrooms. It has come to my attention that many parents with children in La Habra schools think that these inclusive messages are being forcefully "pushed" onto the students. I would just like to say to the parents who are against inclusive and pro-LGBTQ+ messages being taught in schools; it is not a bad thing for your children to be taught compassionate messages. I understand that things are different from when you were children, but it is no longer socially acceptable in most spaces to be homophobic or racist. I understand that many of you were raised in a different time, but we now live in a time, and a state, where diversity is not only accepted, but embraced. That all being said, it is absolutely the school's job to teach students these anti-hate messages. Children are not innately racist, homophobic, or bigoted, but they aren't innately compassionate and understanding either. These traits are taught. And given that your kids are not being taught these inclusive and compassionate messages at home, it is important that the school does it to create a new generation of students who have empathy for each other. A school's job is to both educate and socialize students. Therefore, it is important that schools teach their students how to treat all people with respect and kindness. I saw an Instagram account that was complaining about La Habra schools teaching about a "gingerbread person". The reality is that many people in our society identify as non-binary. Whether you accept it or not, that is an identity that many people share. Your children are going to interact with non-binary people, perhaps maybe some of your children identify as non-binary as well. In that case, is it really so awful for your children to learn how to be respectful of pronouns and others' gender identity? All these lessons are doing are teaching your children how to consider perspectives and opinions beyond those they've already formed or were shaped in their early life. Maybe instead of arguing against these messages being taught, you should consider learning about them yourself.

Best,

Veronica

(Former intern at Imperial Middle School)



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please Read at May 11 2023 Board School Meeting

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**Karina Romero** <kromero8@yahoo.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 1:12 PM

To whom it may concern,

Hello. I am an Aunt of 2 little boys that attend Sierra Vista Elementary school. I am reaching out to you guys in regards to this new idea from the government to teach Gender Ideology to little children. I am totally against that and I believe my brother and his wife should be the ones talking to their kids about stuff like that. Not the school! The school has no right to do such thing. Kids go to school to learn Math, science, English, letters and numbers. Not what gender they identify one day or the other. The school has no business in teaching any of that to my nephews or any other child. It will only cause confusion in such innocent minds. Please with all due respect do not teach this to little kids. It's just not right. Let the parents talk to their kids about that if they believe it's necessary to do so. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Respect my decision

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Elsa Nova <novaelsa5@gmail.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 1:38 PM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

To Sierra Vista elementary school, soy tia de 2 niños inocentes que atienden a esta escuela. totalmente desacuerdo que la escuela o el distrito de La Habra quiera tomar ese tipo de decion en enseñar de genero. Con todo respeto pero eso le corresponde a los padres. La escuela solo tienen que enseñar lo academico, ingles, matematicas, ciencias y historia. No tienen el derecho a tomar decisiones que no les corresponden. Espero que mi voz sea escuchada.



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## Public Board Comment

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**Kristen McVaugh** <kristen.pinchbeck@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 1:39 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kristen and I am writing in support of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work being done in the La Habra School District, and districts across the nation. In elementary school, students learn how to read and write, how to identify their colors, how to do basic math, and how to make friends. When they get older they learn more complex math problems, science, and history. Throughout different periods of time, all of these ideas that we now hold to be true and necessary to teach students were once debated and contested. Doing the work of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in our schools seems to be one of those topics that we are experiencing debate about now that we will look back in 20 years and realize should've been a known fact all along.

There seems to be a lot of fear and confusion about what it means for teachers and schools to support their students' individual humanity. For some students this means being supported while their parents navigate a divorce. For some students this means being supported while they need some extra help learning. For some students this humanity includes being a member of the LGBTQ+ community. While this is not a large number of students, it is a vulnerable group of students who are having to fight for their right to be seen as valid. By fighting about whether or not teachers or students should learn about the existence of LGBTQ+ students and how to best support them, we are showing these students that their humanity is up for debate. Learning about the existence of an alternative way of understanding gender and sexuality is not "forcing students to be gay or trans" but it is supporting students who identify as such. There is enough in this world teaching kids about compulsive heterosexuality, from representation in school textbooks to Disney movies. Kids get plenty of messaging that to be heterosexual is to be normal. For the students who do not experience life in this way, it is very confusing and can have negative effects on their mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing. This means that they are also not going to be learning to the best of their ability because they are going to be constantly having to navigate their identity with their peers and teachers. Our job as parents, colleagues, educators, and neighbors should be to do whatever is possible to make our students feel safe, supported, and cared for so that all they have to do is focus on learning. We need to show up with empathy and a desire to care for and nurture our students to become who they are, not who churches or politicians tell them they are or are not allowed to be. Just as we now teach students the world is round and orbits the sun, we should be able to educate teachers on how to have empathy and understanding for their diverse student populations, and should be able to teach students how to have empathy and understanding for each other. K-12 education is already hard enough for children, teachers, parents, and families. The job of the school board should be to make sure that school environments are as safe and supportive for ALL students as it can possibly be.

Thank you for your time,

Kristen



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please read 5/11/2023 board meeting

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**Maria Diaz** <mariadiaz626@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 1:45 PM

Hola soy tia de 2estudiantes q assisted en la Habra discretion de la Habra yo no estoy de acuerdo que les enseñen a los estudiantes ideologies genero ellos van a la escuela para aprende a Leer escribir y matematicas ese tema les coresponden a los padres...muchas gracias



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## District of La Habra

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**Noe Valenzuela** <noevalenzuela@yahoo.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:04 PM

To whom it may concern

I am an uncle of 2 little boys 5 year old and 9 year old that attend Sierra Vista Elementary school. I am reaching out to you guys regarding the new idea from the government to teach gender ideology. I believe that, that is not right and my Sister and brother in law shouldn't be going through that, that's a conversation my sister and in law should be having with their kids not a teacher. They go to school to learn their general education not to learn about gender ideology. Their mind is not developed for that and I think it's wrong. Please with all the respect do not teach this to the innocent kids it's not necessary. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone





Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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**Fwd: Please read May 11 2023 District la Habra Board Meeting.**

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**alberto valenzuela** <valenzuelaalberto2@gmail.com>  
To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:16 PM

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From: **alberto valenzuela** <valenzuelaalberto2@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:14 PM  
Subject: Please read May 11 2023 District la Habra Board Meeting.  
To: <vcosylion@lahabraschool.org>

As a concerned uncle of 2 young boys attending La Habra District. I do not agree with your faculty teaching children gender selection. La Habra District should focus on scholastic materials and should leave gender selection teachings for parents at home.

Sincerely,

A concern Uncle.



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please Read Today May 11th, 2023 Board Meeting

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Crystal Clawson <crystal\_clawson@icloud.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:16 PM

To whom it may concern,

My daughter will be starting kindergarten in the fall. She will be graduating from a faith based conservative preschool that shares the same values as us.

After long consideration we decided to enroll her in a public school with the understanding the education would be MAGNET based.

It has come to our attention that the schools will now be teaching gender based curriculum starting at the age of 2.

This has nothing to do with the basics of math, reading, writing, and science. This definitely does not have anything to do with computer coding, computer science, or teaching a child a second language. This conversation should be taught in the home and left out of the schools. Especially in Elementary School.

This is why more parents are turning to private schools and homeschooling.

Can you confirm this will be taught in the elementary schools for the new school year? If so, our daughter will be another child not attending your school district. I will be expecting a response via email.

Thank you,  
Crystal C.



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## No les enseñen ideologías a los niños

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**Gabriela Corvini** <toganina@icloud.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:21 PM

Vivo en este distrito por 32 años, por favor no les enseñen nada que no es lo que la escuela debe de enseñar! Dejen saber a los padres los problemas cómo se hizo siempre!!

Please do no teach ideology to the kids. The school is there to teach students math, English, geography, history and nothing else!  
Left that for the parents!!!

Sent from my iPhone



Virginia Cosylyon <vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please read May 11 2023 Board Meeting -Districtof LA Habra

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**Lupita Valenzuela** <valenzuelalupita09@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:22 PM

To whom it may concern,

Do not agree with teaching the children about gender selection. There are only two genders. Male and female and you are whichever one God created you to be at birth. It's not complicated. Teach the kids the scholastic and don't confuse the children.

Thank you!



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## Public Board Comment

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Katherine Heaton <katherine.heaton@fulbrightmail.org>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:22 PM

Hello,

**Please see below and attached for my public board comment for tonight's May 11th meeting.**

Thank you.

Best,

Katherine Heaton

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I, Katherine Heaton, a registered voter, resident, and attendee of public schools in North Orange County, would like to voice my support for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) curriculum in public schools. Here are three critical points to consider.

**Fostering a Welcoming Environment:** When students feel accepted for who they are, they are more likely to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

**Addressing Mental Health:** LGBTQ+ individuals often face higher rates of mental health issues including anxiety, depression, and suicide. There is nothing wrong with how you identify. However, identifying as gay or trans is often framed as something wrong. This is not true and must be combated with education at an early age to care for ALL children.

**Preparing Students for the Real World:** By the year 2050, over half of the United States will be an ethnic minority, underscoring the importance of better understanding race relations.

By embracing DEI, schools play a vital role in creating an inclusive and equitable society where everyone can thrive. Thank you in advance for your work and dedication to promoting DEI in our schools.

Sincerely,

Katherine Heaton

North Orange County Resident, voter, and public-school attendee

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Sincerely,



Katherine Heaton

North Orange County Resident, voter, and public-school attendee



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## Public Comment - Request to be read at May 11 Board Meeting

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LAGalaxyFan67 <LAGalaxyFan67@proton.me>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:26 PM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

Dear School Board, Concerned Parents, Teachers, and Students:

It is disheartening to witness the ongoing perpetuation of hate and bigotry in our society towards one segment of our student body and community. The willful ignorance or deliberate cruelty of some individuals only serves to undermine the learning process and values that we all hold so dear.

It is essential that teachers receive proper education and training on LGBTQ issues to support the academic and personal growth of all their students. The gaps in knowledge and understanding of LGBTQ issues are like potholes in the road, and ignoring them only creates a bumpy journey for the teacher and students. Professional development in this area is critical and it helps to patch the potholes in the classroom to ensure a smoother educational journey for everyone.

Opposing such training is akin to resisting the repair of potholes in the road. It is counterproductive and shortsighted to deny our teachers the skills they need to create a safe and inclusive learning environment. We must ask ourselves why we would want more bumpy roads for our teachers and students.

It is unfair to deny students access to education about the diverse world they inhabit or to deny teachers the opportunity to learn how to support all of their students. Religious beliefs are not a valid excuse for denying professional development in LGBTQ issues in a public school district that is not governed by any theocracy.

We cannot teach our children to discriminate against others based on differences. Denying teachers the opportunity to learn about LGBTQ issues is denying our children the chance to learn about the real world. We must create a safe and inclusive environment for all students, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Professional development in LGBTQ issues is not about promoting any particular lifestyle or belief system. It is about teaching teachers about the broad spectrum of students in their classrooms, equipping them with the tools to support all students, and creating a safe and inclusive environment for all.

Let us stand up against hate and bigotry and work together to create a better and more inclusive future for our children. Let us fight for the right of our teachers to receive professional development in LGBTQ issues, and let us stand up against any form of discrimination or hate.

I urge the school district to continue to fix the potholes of knowledge gaps and create a better academic journey for all!

Thank you.

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.





Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Public Board Comment

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**Batiste, Cameron** <Cbatiste0529@csu.fullerton.edu>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:37 PM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

I, Cameron Batiste a registered voter in Orange County and a product of Orange County Public school system, would like to exercise my right to voice my support for the inclusion of Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) curriculum in our public education system.

The incorporation of DEI will help to better serve students of all walks of life but will specifically work to address shortcomings in our education system. This is an effort to make all students feel welcome, seen, and heard. Most importantly, this process would increase the sense of belonging amongst marginalized students.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I do hope you all take ALL of our children's education seriously.

Best,

Cameron Batiste



Virginia Cosylyon <vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please read at tonight's Board Meeting: May 11,2023

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Jennifer Kasabian <jenkasabian@hotmail.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:38 PM

To: "vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org>

Hello Ms. Cosylyon, please have this letter read at tonight's meeting. I appreciate your help.

Good Evening, Board Members,

In the event I am not able to arrive at the start of the meeting, I would like this letter read before you tonight.

Firstly, I would like to address the resignation of Cynthia Aguirre. As a voting member of the community, I would like to ask the reason given for her resignation. I would also like to recommend Rocio Carmona or Joshua Atwater be offered the now-vacant position, as they did receive community votes and are both active members of the community.

Second, circulating on social media are snapshots taken during Gender Training at one of our district schools. It has come to my attention that LHCS D has partnered with a company called Kinder Future, which seems to have been the company that brought "Gender Training" to faculty at one of our schools. I had never heard of Kinder Future, but after researching the company, I see our district Logo on Kinder Future's website, and see that it addresses "unique needs of gender and sexual minority/LGBTQIA+ youth and their families". I have received no information about any sort of Gender assistance or Gender curriculum about to be taught in our district, and I am asking you for transparency. Are you planning to implement any sort of gender curriculum in our district? What influence has already been implemented by way of books in our school libraries or classroom libraries? Allegedly these meetings have covered having kids "choose" a gender, asking faculty to refrain from calling kids "boys" and "girls", encouraging children to reveal their "chosen genders" to their friends or faculty before their parents, or, to "choose" a gender and keep it a "secret" from their parents. This is not something I am on board with. Keeping secrets from parents is never OK. There are a few lawsuits currently in court, one being against the Chico Unified School District in which a mother says one of Chico Unified Schools socially transitioned her child's gender identity without her knowledge. Also, a lawsuit from Escondido filed in San Diego federal court by two teachers "alleges the Escondido Union School District's policies prohibits teachers from discussing students' gender identities with their parents are unconstitutional." (<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/two-escondido-middle-school-teachers-sue-over-districts-transgender-policy/3217905/>) ; Every day I see more and more articles about districts keeping Gender information from parents, and I am sincerely hoping that our district will not be one to do so.

I do not want my daughters taught about gender ideology/sexuality in school. Please be transparent with the families in the community. And please listen to those who speak up.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Kasabian

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



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## Fwd: Gender Identity

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Debi Tari <debitari3@gmail.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:41 PM

To: "vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org>

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From: **Debi Tari** <debitari3@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:35 PM

Subject: Gender Identity

To: <vcosylyon@lahabracityschooldistrict.com>

Please leave Gender Identity out of your teaching, let the parents parent their child! God gave them to their parents not to you the Schools!!!

Please stick with teaching what school was made for - Writing, Reading, Arithmetic, Science!! Yes Science where it has always been Male and Female! Males have penis's , girls have vagina's that is scientific!!!

This is ridiculous and some schools believe they can be cats or dogs if they want, this is unbelievable!

I came up through LHSCD , I am also a teacher and reside in La Habra!

This is child abuse and you know it deep down, you are destroying their innocence that they can never get back! Please let kids be kids!!!

I didn't like boys when i was in grade school but that did this year make me think of girls in the way you are trying to make these kids think about their sex! Let them enjoy being carefree and not life altering forever decisions to please the few who are deceived themselves!

You are destroying a generation!

Please rethink and just teach what you learned to teaching in college- let the parents teach morals and family beliefs!

Stay out of this let parents do their job!

Thank you for reading this!



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## URGENT : BOARD MEETING

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**Denise Cordova** <denisediaz18@icloud.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:31 PM

To whom it may concern ,

I am completely opposed on teach GENDER IDEOLOGY. Allow the parents to educate their children however they choose to. School is a place to learn and be educated on scholastic topics. These are children's who are aren't interested in learning what many so called "genders" there is. We are born with two genders Male & FEMALE. If a parents is in disagreement they can teach their child on their own time. I will not allow my child to be fed lies. Once again ... I am NOT IN AGREEMENT IN TEACHING MY CHILD THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN TEO GENDERS. Because it is not true.

If a parent wants to teach their child in their own , so be it. But school is a place to learn education. Not what society thinks children need to know.



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## Public Board Comment

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Evelyn Lindley <lindleye87@gmail.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:43 PM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

Please read during public comment at tonight's (5/11/23) school board meeting.

Good Evening Members of the Board,

I am writing in response to an Instagram post that I observed. The post referred to training teachers of La Habra City School District were receiving. This training document appeared to be helping educators learn more about gender identity, expression, sexuality, and biological sex. As a parent in this district, I want to let you know that I do not stand with the disgraceful language in this post and its comments. I feel that training like these are essential for educators and school personnel to know how to accurately and empathetically address these ideas, should they arise. I personally feel that more training like these should occur within the district.

I am raising my child to be a kind person who makes those around him feel safe and seen. However, on numerous days, my child comes home telling me how words like "gay" are being used in a derogatory manner. How can anyone feel comfortable enough to be themselves, when people are still spilling this hateful rhetoric? I want the adults around my and other children to be kind and empathetic and to teach kindness and empathy. These training will help these adults prepare for those tough conversations.

As a parent in the district, I ask that you please continue to offer training like this to the faculty and staff of La Habra City Schools. Without education we cannot attempt to grow. Let's help our staff grow and I know that growth understanding will positively impact every child this district serves.

Thank you,  
Evelyn



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Habra District/ Sierra Vista elementary

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Leslie Nova <leslienova04@gmail.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:42 PM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

To Sierra Vista elementary school, I have younger cousins that attend your school. I am in disagreement of the district of La Habra on taking the decision of teaching gender identity. With all due respect, I believe this should be up to the parents to teach their children of this topic and does not correspond to the school. It's not the district's decision to make that choice for us. I hope this matter can be resolve & hearing the voices of parents and those who have reached out.



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Habra District/ Sierra Vista elementary

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Leslie Nova <leslienova04@gmail.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:42 PM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Public Board Comment

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Chris Gibson <chrisgibson4@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:46 PM

Dear La Habra City School District Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to publicly register my comment with the leadership of our local school board. I am writing to say that I fully support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training for teachers and other employees of our schools. I have a young child who will soon be a student in our public school system, and I hope that she will have educators who are sensitive to the diverse identities of individuals in our community and beyond. Such diverse identities should be understood to include race, nationality, gender, sexuality, and socio-economic status.

We have seen a wave of concerning political rhetoric sweeping across the country that is grounded in ignorance and bigotry towards marginalized identities. And lately it has been especially focused on trans people and those with gender and sexual identities that do not conform to the heterosexual gender binary believed to be the traditional norm. I emphatically believe that we need to counter this in our local community through education and by proactively creating safe and welcome environments for those identifying as trans, non-binary, or gay. It is my hope that educators will be trained using methodologies that help them be aware of gender and sexual identities that exist on a spectrum with a range of diverse orientations.

Thank you for the time.

Chris Gibson  
La Habra Homeowner, Resident, and Parent





Virginia Cosylion <[vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)>

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## Parents decision...

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**Leno Nova** <[lenonova1@gmail.com](mailto:lenonova1@gmail.com)>  
To: [vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:48 PM

Para la escuela sierra vista elementary escuela distrito de la ciudad de la habra . No estoy de acuerdo que quería ejercer temas sobre el homosexualismo.. porque mejor no se enfocan de cómo ser hombre de éxito en cosas terrenales . Dios creó el hombre y al mujer y eso nunca va cambiar . Hay caminos que para el hombre le parecen perfecto pero son camino de muerte. Recuerden que Jesús tendremos la sabiduría que hombre necesita para ser mejor y vivir en paz..Dios les bendigas .



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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**Stop** 

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**Gabriela Corvini** <toganina@icloud.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 2:57 PM

Do not agree with teaching the children about gender selection. There are only two genders. Male and female and you are whichever one God created you to be at birth. It's not complicated. Teach the kids the scholastic and don't confuse the children.

Sent from my iPhone



Virginia Cosylion <[vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)>

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## Gender Identity

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**Jennifer Palmquist** <[djpalmquist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djpalmquist@sbcglobal.net)>  
To: [vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:20 PM

Let's not cave into this woke ideology! There are 2 genders and when someone dies they can tell what gender you are by your bones! It's biology and let's stick with science!!

If my daughter wanted to be a mermaid I wouldn't throw her into the water! When my son wanted to be a pirate, I didn't cut his hand off and gouge out his eye! Kids always want to be something else! I want to be a millionaire and not work, I can't be that! I don't want to pay taxes and want to identify as a non tax paying person who doesn't support your schools, but sadly I can't do that.

I hope parents start pulling their kids from the schools when they introduce this lunacy!

We wonder why people are fleeing CA! It's to protect the kids.

Do what is right!



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Comment for Upcoming Board Meeting

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**Korey Lindley** <korey.lindley@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:25 PM

Please read during public comment for tonight's school board meeting.

I saw a social media post that contained dangerous language about an important teacher training and I wanted to make sure you understand that as a parent in La Habra, this post doesn't speak for me or anyone I know.

My wife and I are raising our child to be the kind of person who makes the world a safer and more friendly place. We want him to know that there are lots of different types in the world and that they all deserve kindness and respect.

As a father in the district, I am thrilled that La Habra is offering training to teachers that helps them understand what some kids may be going through and how they can best support their students.

Keep up the good work.

Thanks,  
Korey  
Parent in the La Habra City School District



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please read at tonight's Board Meeting

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**Russell Johnson** <rljshouse@aol.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:28 PM

Reply-To: Russell Johnson <rljshouse@aol.com>

To: "vcosylion@Lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

Members of the School Board,

As a community member and grandparent of students in your district, I oppose any sort of gender ideology teachings. In a tk-8th district, any teachings regarding gender and sexuality should be taught at home.

Sincerely,

A concerned Grandparent

Sent from AOL on Android



Virginia Cosylion <[vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)>

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**Carmen Valenzuela** <[carmenvalenzuela0714@icloud.com](mailto:carmenvalenzuela0714@icloud.com)>  
To: [vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:31 PM

To whom it may concern,

I'M NOT IN AGREEMENT IN TEACHING MY NEPHEWS THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO GENDERS. SCHOOL IS A PLACE TO LEARN.

Sent from my iPhone



Virginia Cosylyon <vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please read at tonight's Board Meeting

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**Russell Johnson** <rljelcamino@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:39 PM

Members of the School Board,

As a community member and grandparent of students in your district, I oppose any sort of gender ideology teachings. In a tk-8th district, any teachings regarding gender and sexuality should be taught at home.

Sincerely,

A worried Grandmother



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please Read Public Comment for May 11 LHCSO Board Meeting

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**Celina Barajas-Madriral** <celinab.madriral@gmail.com>  
To: Gina Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:41 PM

Dear LHCSO Trustees & Leadership,

I contemplated submitting a public comment, if my opinion even mattered anymore. I am no longer a parent or staff of the district or state of California for that matter. I remembered I am no longer there because of the policies, disrespect for parent choices and lack of transparency and thought, yes, it's incredibly important to continue speaking up. A school district and board should be empowering parent voices, making board meetings more known, available and also offering interpretation to make more parents feel welcome. Please listen to all the parents, staff and community members that may be speaking up today. Their concerns are real. Information should never be withheld from parents, teachers should not be instructed to keep things from parents and students should not be exposed to information that their minds are not ready for nor should this gender training and emphasis be in public schools.

Parent, teacher and students are a team to help facilitate the success and we'll be of the child. Not one without the other. I do believe that LHCSO can continue being amazing but trustees and leadership must include parents and be non partisan.

Thank You.

Celina Barajas-Madriral





Virginia Cosylion <[vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)>

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**Destiny B. Murillo** <[destinymurillo4@gmail.com](mailto:destinymurillo4@gmail.com)>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:43 PM

To: "[vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)" <[vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)>

I am unable to attend today's meeting but as a parent of children in La Habra school district i am very concerned about this new agenda. Children in elementary are too young to be exposed to all these new things going on. I don't feel it's safe for small children to have gender neutral restrooms either. We need to protect our children and I feel that opens doors to dangerous situations.



Virginia Cosylyon <vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please read at May 11, 2023 Board Meeting

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Maribel Armendariz <marmendariz004@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylyon@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:44 PM

Hello,

Hope you are all well. Unfortunately I was not able to attend today's meeting, however, I did want to express my thoughts and opinions via this email. My name is Maribel and I have two young daughters— one who will be in first grade next school year in this district and the youngest whom I am hoping will be able to attend school here as well in a couple of years.

My husband and I attended La Habra School District schools until it came time to attend high school. We both loved our elementary and middle school years so dearly. So much so that when we decided to register our firstborn for TK, this district was the obvious choice. We currently live in La Habra, however, we had the option of registering our daughter to other school districts. This district is the one that was more aligned with our needs and wants. We appreciate the transparency and information that has been provided to us as parents thus far, especially because our daughter attends Sierra Vista— a No Excuses University school where we as parents play a huge role— but as we all know, for our children to have success at any and all points of their school career, we as parents play a tremendously huge part regardless of where they go to.

We are not entirely sure what is being proposed for implementation in this district, however, we ask that we are please notified with plenty of advance and in full transparency of any and all potential changes along with providing us with the option on deciding what our children are being taught in terms of gender. My 6 year old is incredibly too young to have these types of conversations in general, even more so in a school-type setting. Regardless, these conversations should come from parents, not teachers or school staff. We are the ones who know are children best and when something is confusing them or causing them any type of stress, we are the ones who aide to their needs.

I am sure there are a lot more parents who would like and deserve their voices to be heard so I'll stop here, but I truly hope our thoughts and opinions as parents, caregivers, loved ones to our children are heard and taken into consideration. I definitely hope that the idea of withholding information from parents regarding our children is not a concept that will be implemented in our schools because it will be something that will foster so much disconnect and separation within families, two things that we cannot afford as a community given what continues to happen in this country.

Thank you very much for your time,

Maribel



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Public Board Comment

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**Joy Fire** <joyfireblacksmith@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:44 PM

Dear La Habra City School District Board,

I am a La Habra resident and future LHCSD parent. I would like to register my very strong support for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training for all teachers in this district. My child is young, but she will grow fast and I would hope that she would always be accepted and supported in school no matter who she is. DEI is beneficial for everyone, and teachers who are trained to be aware of the many intersecting identities of their students will be better teachers for all of their students. DEI is not just about LGBTQ+ issues, it is also about race, ability, neurotypicality, and socio-economic status. This covers such a wide range of students, to the parents and school board members listening, don't you want your children to be treated with kindness and dignity no matter who they are? That is what DEI training is all about. There is a very troubling trend in this country to demonize the LGBTQ+ community, especially trans people, and I hope that La Habra can avoid this backward looking, fear mongering, behavior. We are a community, we should strive to be a community of kindness where all are welcome and equally respected.

Thank you for your time,

**Joy**

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## Public Comment

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H. Bui <hanhnbui@gmail.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:53 PM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

Please read during tonight's board meeting during public comment

-Hello School Board Members and community stakeholders. I have been a proud resident and teacher of a surrounding city for almost 20 years. I have two children that attend the district and am committed to the craft of both parenthood and teacher. It was brought to my attention that a social media post has been circulating regarding gender identity. Upon viewing the post and reading the comments I was upahuled that someone took the time and effort to present such erroneous lies. Teacher training and curriculum implementation are two totally different things. The post stated, "They are pushing this information." Teachers are NOT teaching this information. Curriculum must first be approved by the board and put out for parents to publicly view before it can be approved. This person wants parents to believe that teachers are teaching this to our students. That is simply not true. Teachers are also students... We need to learn and be trained with the most recent studies and research based data. Instead, can we focus on the fact that La Habra City School District is ranked 218th out of 287 districts according to the CA Reading Report Card? Where is the outrage there? Shouldn't our teacher be better trained on the science of reading? Instead, let's look at facts and focus our energy on the civil right to read!



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Please read on May 11 2023 Board Meeting

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**Eddie Nova** <eddienova63@gmail.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:54 PM

To whom is may concern,

As a concerned family member to two of your students I do not agree with your facility educating young minds about gender selection. La Habra District should focus on educating kids about important topics and not be concerned about teaching and confusing young minds about there gender. Focus on the correct topics and stick to teaching our kids the education thats required and not the education that should be taught at home by there parents.



Virginia Cosylion <[vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)>

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## Please read for board meeting May 11, 2023

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**PEDRO MEDINA** <[kobe318527@yahoo.com](mailto:kobe318527@yahoo.com)>  
To: [vcosylion@lahabraschools.org](mailto:vcosylion@lahabraschools.org)

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 3:59 PM

To whom it may concern, it has been brought to my attention that the school or the district is attempting to bring in to start teaching our children gender ideology. I have two nephews that attend Sierra Vista Elementary school, I strongly believe that it is the parents decision to teach and educate their children of gender ideology. The school nor the district has no business in teaching that subject to my nephews or to any student.



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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## Public Board Comment

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**Nikki Gonzales** <tink8213@yahoo.com>  
To: vcosylion@lahabraschools.org

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 4:08 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing this as a resident of La Habra City with children who attend La Habra schools in support of the district DEI work.

I feel it's important for our kids to learn about this specifically and learn inclusiveness for ALL people no matter gender race or how anyone chooses to identify. The more my kids understand , the more love and compassion they'll have for others. And in my book that's what always matters. Not discriminating against anyone for being "different".

I see no harm in educating our youth on just that.

Sent from my iPhone



Virginia Cosylion <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

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**Luis Diaz** <luisdiaz698@gmail.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 9:42 PM

To: "vcosylion@lahabraschools.org" <vcosylion@lahabraschools.org>

Soy tio de 2 yo no estoy de acuerdo q enseñen ideologia genero.ellos van para aprender no para ser confundidos