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. . . that is unless YOU get involved today.

Dear «FIRST_NAME»,

I attended last night's school board meeting at the Sandy Creek Elementary School and today's headlines in the *News Herald* pretty much tell you what took place. The board will be voting on 'diversity curriculum' for the middle and high school students next Monday July 24th. This effort is a result of recent incidences of harassment at the high school – one racial harassment and the other harassment of a homosexual student. Let me say before we go further – the AFA of PA believes that ALL students should be free to learn without fear of being harassed or bullied. Yet should a dangerous lifestyle be promoted? In years gone by 'diversity' has been a good thing – let's face it, we are a diverse nation. Webster's Dictionary defines 'diversity' as "the state or fact of being diverse; difference; unlikeness; variety." But what does 'diversity' 'usually mean today? Nine times out of ten it will mean a push to accept the homosexual lifestyle as a safe, alternative lifestyle and same-sex households as normal. Unfortunately, the word 'diversity' has been added to the 'Hijacked Word List' just like the words 'gay,' 'pride,' 'celebrate,' 'out,' and 'tolerance.'

Taking a close look at the 'diversity curriculum' that was proposed by middle school principal Dale Ishman presents several concerns. This curriculum was given free of charge to the school district by the *Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)*. **That is the first RED FLAG.** The SPLC's website – <http://www.SPLCenter.org> – notes:

"Organizations such as the American Bar Association, the National Education Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the Friends of the United Nations recognized the Center as a leader in anti-bias litigation and education. President Clinton's Initiative on Race cited the Center's tolerance education work as a national model." (I encourage you to thoroughly check their website – <http://www.SPLCenter.org>.)

Let's remember that the ACLU has sued schools to force them to allow Gay Straight Alliance (gay clubs) to meet and in recent years the National Education Association has passed pro-homosexual resolutions at their annual conventions. This year brought resolutions that would require prospective teachers to get 'diversity training' on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues in order to get accreditation and another resolution was in support of same-sex marriage.

In recent years the Southern Poverty Law Center has started publishing *Teaching Tolerance* magazine. The lead story in their Spring 2006 edition is about children's author James Howe where "he discusses tolerance, diversity and the parallels between his own life and his literature." Mr. Howe, married and divorced twice, has recently announced he is homosexual. Since this announcement he has authored The Misfits, which is used by the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network in their 'No Name Calling Week' in middle schools each January. In the interview with *Teaching Tolerance* he admits he wants children to think differently about homosexuality.

The presentation made by Mr. Ishman included information about videos that he would present to each middle school class as well as instructional packets to be used in Social Studies classes. This diversity curriculum is to be incorporated into the high school curriculum also. It appears that this will be part of their Social Studies grade!

There will be five videos:

- 1.) "One Survivor Remembers" which deals with the Holocaust
- 2.) "A Place At the Table" which deals with several issues including gender equality in sports – but unlike the other

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Thank you, AFA of PA for exposing this effort to approve 'diversity' curriculum in my local school district.

I will help in the following way:

- Pray for the school board and administration of the Franklin Area School District.
- Contact the Franklin Area School District board members.
- Attend the July 24th meeting at the Sandy Creek Elementary library and express my concerns.