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**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Please forward this, Board members, Superintendent, Asst Superintendent, Principal

Andy/Kay,  
You're probably reading this as well ... but want to be sure your seeing what Amy is sending out to gay/les' websites. Not sure our recourse, but we may want to address it.  
See attached,  
bill

>>> Julie Labie 03/05/07 1:17 PM >>>  
FYI~

>>> HersbandAndWife <hersbandandwife@gmail.com> 03/05/2007 11:49 AM >>>

Ms Labie,  
PLEASE FORWARD THIS LETTER ON TO YOUR SUPERINTENDANT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDANT, AND ALL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS! So they see what we said to your administrators as well as Ms Sorrell. They should know what we have to say as educators and as GLBT parents of teens.  
Thank you Stacie and Nancy Daniels.

Dear Dr Yoder, Ms Novatny, Dr Mellen

Please let us introduce ourselves, our pen names are Stacie and Nancy Daniels our pen names for our national advice column are Hersband and Wife we are legally married lesbians. (we had our union in CT where it is legal and now live in TN ) We are known across America and many foreign countries by our pen names Hersband and Wife , the whimsical duo of lesbian advice columnists. We get letters from young men and women, girls and boys every day asking us about what to do about bullying and gay bashing in either their school or workplace. What Megan did by writing this article was both brave and impressive for a girl her age. We have two children one a girl 14 and the other a boy 13 so it is not that we do not know what it is like to be around children of this age. Our children are also fathered by a man who is a school teacher and has been for 17 years for 8th grade students. Our entire world runs around our children and raising awareness that most children in todays day and age come out of the closet between 5th and 10th grade, not because it is pushed at them but because they have people around them that are tolerant and love them unconditionally.

The highest rate of teen suicide today is from sexual identity problems with either parental rejection or peer rejection and even gay bashing. What you did by making a big deal out of this editorial was prove Megans point in a big way, she was preaching tolerance and you showed all the children in your school and the people in your community, and the entire nation how intolerant you actually are. It is one thing to be homophobic on your own time but it is completely another thing to impose your bigotry on innocent minds.

Thank you for your time and attention,  
Nancy and Stacie Daniels Aka  
Hersband and Wife  
The whimsical lesbian advice columnists.

Ms Sorrell,

Please let us introduce ourselves, our names are Nancy and Stacie Daniels we go by the pen names of Hersband and Wife in our column. We are a whimsical duo of lesbian advice columnists, not only do we

write an advice column but we are a legally married lesbian couple who also happen to have 2 children. (a 14 year old girl, and a 13 year old boy) We would like to express our gratitude to you for allowing Megan to print her article in the school newspaper, as what better place to teach tolerance than a school environment, and by reacting to the piece in the manner they have the school officials are teaching the children that what Megan was writing about is absolutely true, they proved her point.

We have decided that instead of publishing an article this week with advice as the content, we would use our column to voice our support of both you and Megan as it took alot of courage for a 15 year old girl and a school teacher to print an article in support of tolerance of GLBT people everywhere. For this we thank you and we wanted to have our fans and readers thank you as well.

With this being said we also wanted to have our fans and readers and ourselves send a letter of discontent to the school officials that started the storm by being in opposition of tolerance and being in favor of censorship. What ever happened to the 1st amendment?

Megan's generation will be the generation of change for people like us that only want to live our lives in peace with our children. We actually are very touched that a child can be the voice of rationality, even when she realizes that it can come at some risk to her. Her friend should be proud to call her friend, not many of us have friends like Megan that would stand up for us no matter what.

Please thank her for us and let her know that we are here to stand up in her corner if she ever needs it.

Stacie and Nancy Daniels AKA Hersband and Wife

If you would like to see the blog we posted about the story please visit this www address and you will be able to see the comments from our readers as they get to read about your story as well.

<http://blog.360.yahoo.com/blog-BY8.Pts5frSXgyMVfcy6nnhleeZrWEE-?cq=1&p=542>

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"If you want to be accepted, first you have to be accepting"

CC: knovotny@eacs.k12.in.us

A response one of our readers got from Amy Sorrell Megan's teacher:

Amy Sorrell's response:

Thank you so much for your support. The amount of e-mails we have gotten from all over the country has been amazing. People have supported us so much on this. Megan is a great kid and I am incredibly proud of her for writing that article. It's sad that it took this issue to make our school system realize that we may have some problems when it comes to tolerance. Sadly, instead of trying to make changes for the better, they are trying to punish me and my newspaper staff. We're still fighting though and things are going really well. The Society of Professional Journalists have stepped up to help us as has the Indiana High School Press Association, so I think a lot of good is going to come out of this.

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Friday March 2, 2007 - 06:12pm (CST)

The Response H&W got from The teacher sponsor Amy Sorrell:

"Thank you so much for your support. I read the letter you sent to Dr. Yoder on your blog. This is exactly what he needs to hear. You may also want to consider sending letters to the school board to tell them that ALL schools need a policy of tolerance. At the school board meeting, Megan asked the school board to clarify their stand on tolerance towards homosexuals. The board refused to make any comments, but Andy Melin told the media that EACS doesn't need a policy. Sad.

The good thing about all this is that it has brought the issue of intolerance up everywhere. Megan thought she was just writing to the students of Woodlan High School. Who would have thought the article would make it all over the world? We've gotten letters and e-mails from all over and the students and most of the teachers have been extremely supportive of us. When we went to the school board meeting, most of the students who attended with us weren't even on the newspaper; they just wanted to show their support. That gives me a lot of faith in the kids at Woodlan High School. Several teachers have also started to show their support. I think they were afraid to voice an opinion at first.

Thank you so much for spreading the word on this. This is something the world needs to know about. If you have any readers from the Fort Wayne area, please encourage them to attend the school board meeting on March 6 to voice their opinion. The school board has refused to talk to my students, but whether they like it or not, they have to listen to the adults. We will be attending a symposium on First Amendment rights at

the Statehouse instead of going to the school board meeting.

Amy Sorrell  
Woodlan High School  
English and Journalism

Saturday March 3, 2007 - 06:25pm (CST)