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Subject: Policy 5756
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 4:54:39 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask the Board to not repeal policy 5756. The policy in place protects kids that need it and does no harm to the students who do not need it. Kids should have the right to have that very personal conversation with their parents themselves in the time and place they feel comfortable. If a student doesn't feel safe having that conversation it may be for a good reason and to out a student could put them at risk for abuse or lead to suicide. That alone makes the risk of repealing policy 5756 too great with no real benefit to its removal. Kids who feel safe and loved by their families will come out when they are ready.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Erin Malbuisson-Delaney

Sent from my iPhone

From: Donald Parriott on behalf of Donald Parriott [REDACTED] ≥ *privacy interest*
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Cc: Don Parriott [KE2BUN]
Subject: I SUPPORT Your Efforts to REPEAL Policy 5756
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 1:33:44 PM

I am writing to let you know I SUPPORT your work in joining other districts in this state in REPEALING AND REWRITING POLICY 5756.

Thank you.

Don Parriott
Sent from my iPhone

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Did you know that transgender kids are 8 times more likely to commit suicide than non transgender kids. Repealing this policy put transgender kids at a greater risk to suicide. Do you really want to feel the least bit responsible if such a tragedy were to happen. Please protect our kids by not repealing this policy.

Renee Becker
Hamburg, New Jersey

From: [Kurt Morris on behalf of Kurt Morris <kurt.morris@sparta.org>](#)
To: [Matt Beck Beck](#)
Subject: Agenda
Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023 11:44:58 AM

I just happened to be looking at the agenda before the Texas Oklahoma game and noticed 5756 is not on for 2nd reading

From: Patty Rivas on behalf of Patty Rivas [REDACTED] *privacy interest*
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Subject: Parting thoughts after another heartbreaking BOE meeting
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:11:49 PM

Good evening,

I reflected on my 2nd public comment on my drive home and do want to apologize for letting my emotions get the best of me. But you see, putting our youth at risk is a very emotional issue. I was forced to end my public comment because I called those of you who voted to rescind policy 5756 "assholes." Sure, it was crass, but it doesn't hold a candle to what transgender and gender-diverse youth have to deal with every single day. You still have a safe, warm bed to go home to. I don't matter to you and you'll carry on with your life just as you always did.

That's NOT the reality for many trans youth.

According to a Trevor Project survey, many LGBTQ youth lack access to affirming spaces, with only 55% of LGBTQ youth reporting that their school is LGBTQ-affirming and only 37% saying that their home is LGBTQ-affirming. Fewer than 1 in 3 transgender and nonbinary youth found their home to be gender-affirming. Further, more than 80% of transgender individuals have considered suicide, and another 40% have attempted suicide.

What will you do if something tragic happens because of your decisions tonight? How will you ever be able to look at yourself in the mirror again? How will you explain yourself to this community? To your family? To your kids that you're "fighting" so hard to protect?

You heard one person's raw outrage tonight over this board's repeated abuse of power overriding the community at large. I wonder how many people were at home screaming and cursing at their TVs when you (once again) ignored every plea, fact, story and stat that was handed to you on a silver platter. Hell yes, we're outraged. This is abhorrent, and for the first time in my life, I am ashamed to be a Spartan.

Rest easy in your warm cozy beds tonight as our town's LGBTQ+ youth weeps into their pillows.

Patty Rivas

On Mon, Feb 6, 2023 at 4:26 PM Matthew Beck <matthew.beck@sparta.org> wrote:
Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your email and for sharing your concern. No books have been banned in our district, as you incorrectly stated. The current "challenged" book and all "challenged" books in the future will be addressed in accordance with Board of Education policy with the best interest of our students remaining our priority. Thanks again and have a nice week.

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On Mon, Feb 6, 2023 at 3:19 PM Patty Rivas [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Dr. Beck, Ms. Rossi, and the members of the Sparta BOE,

As you're already aware, yet another school library book is being challenged by a small group of Sparta Parents. The Upside of Unrequited by Becky Albertalli – a book in the Sparta Middle School Library available to eighth graders is being called out for its explicit sexual content that some don't want their children to have access to. The argument, they say, isn't "book banning" but "age appropriateness."

Let's address what's really happening in this community. It began with Ghost Boys. It continued with Gender Queer. Now it's The Upside of Unrequited, and who knows what it will be next. The fact is that this administration is allowing parents to BAN certain books from our school's libraries that don't align with their values.

According to the American Library Association, "A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group. A banning is the removal of those materials." A book does not have to be removed *everywhere* to be banned. Usually, book bans happen on a local level: a book is banned from a school, a district, or — in circumstances that are unfortunately becoming less rare — a state.

As a Sparta resident, taxpayer, and parent, I strongly encourage you to keep this book in the Sparta Middle School Library. Not because I think or want every 8th grader to have

access to its contents but because removing it will do more damage than keeping it on the shelf. Banning this book from the SMS library will continue to push this community down the slippery slope of censorship and send a message to our youth that only certain forms of artistic expression are acceptable and valued in this world.

Sincerely,
Patty Rivas



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"Let children read whatever they want and then talk about it with them. If parents and kids can talk together, we won't have as much censorship because we won't have as much fear." — Judy Blume

"The books that the world calls immoral are the books that show the world its own shame." — Oscar Wilde

"Censorship reflects a society's lack of confidence in itself." — Potter Stewart

From: Rick Smith on behalf of Rick Smith [REDACTED] *privacy interest*
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Subject: POLICY 5756
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:23:21 PM

AS requested on a facebook group was this: "PLEASE LET THE SPARTA BOARD OF EDUCATION KNOW THAT YOU ARE AGAINST REPEALING AND REWRITING POLICY 5756. "

I think it's appalling that parents are encouraging you all to support this disgusting policy, and if it's true that you've rescinded it, well then CONGRATULATIONS for standing up for the side of morality.

Mr. Beck's blatant disregard for the BOE and their policy making decisions is disgusting as well - to loosely quote him, in the Herald, he said something like "Doesn't matter if the policy is rescinded - there's still laws to back all this up and for that i'm glad". Well, won't Mr Beck be shocked when he finds out the lawsuits that are standing against those statutes he so loves get them repealed, and then you're without a policy forcing words into your mouths to support immoral stances forcing your teachers to teach this 5756 garbage to our students. The real travesty through all this is the double-speaking administrator you continue to support. How long until Mr. Beck meets his demise in the Sparta education system ?

Thanks for truly defending your students tonight.

Rick Smith
Fredon



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From: [Sussex PFLAG](#) on behalf of [Sussex PFLAG](#) <pflagsussexcounty@yahoo.com>
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Cc: [Bob Gasper](#); [Colleen LePera](#); [Damaris Lira](#); [Sue Harris](#); [Pat Schutz](#); [Todd Gillespie](#); [Shawn Carroll](#); [Jill Kubin](#); [Anne O'Dair](#); [Scott Noel](#)
Subject: Sparta BOE Invitation to attend PFLAG Sussex County Public Session - Nov 15th
Date: Friday, October 20, 2023 10:02:26 AM

Dear Sparta Board of Education -

Following up from our comments during last night's BOE meeting, we would like to invite you to attend our next local chapter Public Session taking place on Wednesday, 15th November at 7pm in the Demarest Hall room at the Sparta United Methodist Church - 71 Sparta Ave.

We will be hosting a two-hour informational Q&A session with guest speakers, Liz Salerno (LSW, LCSW) and Gabriela Christina Celeiro (MSW, LCSW), who came in June to talk to our community about LGBTQ+ identities and help to demystify the terminology. Participants can expect to improve their understanding of who makes up the LGBTQ+ population during this frank, safe and open discussion.

All viewpoints are welcome to participate in a courteous and civil discourse. We encourage ALL of you to attend and bring questions you may have in order to help Sparta shape a reasonable and inclusive replacement policy for the recently repealed NJ 5756.

Respectfully,
Todd Gillespie - President

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"An equitable, inclusive world where every LGBTQ+ person is **SAFE**, celebrated, empowered, and loved."



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Subject: Board of Education meetings
Date: Friday, October 20, 2023 1:59:13 PM

Dear Superintendent Beck and Sparta Board members,

My name is April Matera-Patiro and I live in Rockaway Township, where I am running for the Board of Education. My sister lives in Sparta [REDACTED]. I just wanted to send an email to thank you for the decision you made on Policy 5756 last night as I was in attendance at this meeting.

The other reason I am writing to you is because I am very concerned about the tone of your meetings and the safety of the board as well as some of us who attend. The behaviors displayed last night, and at multiple other meetings I have attended in Sparta, has been outrageous to say the least. The amount of inappropriate calling out, heckling, name calling, threats and complete overall disrespect for any type of decorum is truly disheartening. It leave me to wonder if this is the reason why more people in support of this board do not show up due to the harassment, intimidation and bullying going on in the crowd. The livestream does not usually pick up on the audio the amount of inappropriate behaviors that are occurring amongst those in attendance. My sister has been screamed at and pushed and could not do anything. People have been followed home, harassed online and in person, slandered and defamed publicly as well as discreetly. I have never seen a town so much in turmoil that adults cannot behave like adults or manage their emotions at all.

Last night, you all took so much abuse, as did those in attendance. The majority of the crowd called out, hollered and obnoxiously clapped, laughed and stood for standing ovations multiple times. One person from "our side" stood up and called out once and was spoken to by security. What about all of the rest of the room who was doing the same thing over and over again? There were threats mouthed, people told to "shut up", name calling publicly, laughing at anything and everything they could, and threats right to people's faces that could not be seen on the camera. How any governing school body could let any of this happen is beyond me. I see there are now 3 security guards, which is great, but when a member of the public called the entire board @ssholes, she was not even asked to leave, but only to sit down! You all deserve more respect than that!

I am horrified by what we have become. But we sat respectfully when each person spoke and clapped appropriately for those we agreed with. The amount of hatred and lies spewed at the microphone was appalling. When the policy was repealed we did even not clap... we are better than that and did not want to appear boastful in any way. If the vote had gone the opposite way, I cannot imagine what would have happened in the crowd.

We are all adults who love the children and want the best for them. You made the right decision to repeal this policy and I am sure a new one will be crafted that will protect all students. For those of you who were made to defend yourselves publicly against the slander you endure and had to be walked by security to your cars for fear of retaliation, stand strong. We are behind you. I wish all of you the best in your decision making and have the upmost respect for what you do.

Thank you,

April

From: [Dr. Matthew L. Beck](#) on behalf of [Dr. Matthew L. Beck](#) <matthew.beck@sparta.org>
To: [LeeAnne Pitzer](#); [Lauren Collier](#); [Wendy Selander](#); [Christina Keiling](#); [Craig Palleschi](#); [Kurt Morris](#); [Vanessa Serrano](#); [Leigh McMichael](#); [Walter Knapp](#)
Cc: [Joanne Black](#)
Subject: Fwd: Policy 5756 Clarification
Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023 10:08:14 AM

FYI. I revised my message to staff from yesterday [REDACTED] for clarifying purposes. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

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From: **Dr. Matthew L. Beck** <matthew.beck@sparta.org>
Date: Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 10:06 AM
Subject: Policy 5756 Clarification
To: AllStaff <allstaff@sparta.org>

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From: Lauren Collier on behalf of Lauren Collier <lauren.collier@sparta.org>
To: Dr. Matthew L. Beck
Subject: Re: Policy 5756 Clarification
Date: Sunday, October 22, 2023 8:18:39 PM

Hi Matt,

I'm curious if you could send me the original communication as well as I don't believe I received it.

Thank you,
Lauren

On Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 10:08 AM Dr. Matthew L. Beck <matthew.beck@sparta.org> wrote:
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From: Leigh McMichael on behalf of Leigh McMichael <leigh.mcmichael@sparta.org>
To: Dr. Matthew L. Beck
Cc: Kurt Morris
Subject: Re: Policy 5756 Clarification
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 1:48:34 PM

Thank you, Matt. Would you mind sharing the original correspondence with us as well please?

Best,
Leigh

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To: LeeAnne Pitzer; Lauren Collier; Wendy Selander; Christina Keiling; Craig Palleschi; Kurt Morris; Vanessa Serrano; Leigh McMichael; Walter Knapp
Cc: Joanne Black
Subject: Fwd: Policy 5756
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 9:34:19 AM

Good Morning,

Just an FYI...this is the original email I sent Friday prior to Saturday's revision.

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Date: Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 7:12 AM
Subject: Policy 5756
To: AllStaff <allstaff@sparta.org>

Good Morning Sparta Colleagues,

At last evening's Board of Education meeting, the Board voted to abolish Board of Education Policy 5756. We are now in the absence of any policy to offer guidance pertaining to if and how to address transgender students that choose to confide in their trusted teachers and staff members. As an admin team we are now in the process of creating operationalizing protocols to guide us in accordance with NJDOE guidance, statute and law, and the advice of legal counsel. In order to shift all independent decision making away from teachers and staff members, I am asking that any circumstance where a transgender or LGBTQ+ student provides confidential information pertaining to their gender identity or sexual orientation to a staff member that you please pass this information along to your building administration. At that time the administration will engage the appropriate counseling staff to assist the student and the administration

and I will determine if, when, and how that information is delivered to the student's parents/guardians. I understand that there is now much uncertainty surrounding these circumstances and we will work through these matters together and continue to make decisions in the best interest of our students.

I appreciate all you do for our students and school community. If you have any questions pertaining to this email, please reach out to me directly. Thank you and have a great weekend!

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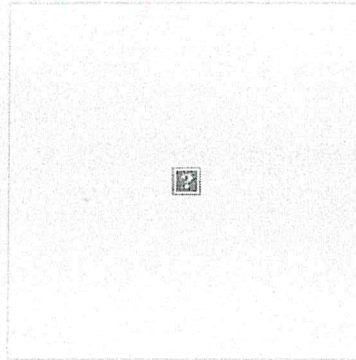
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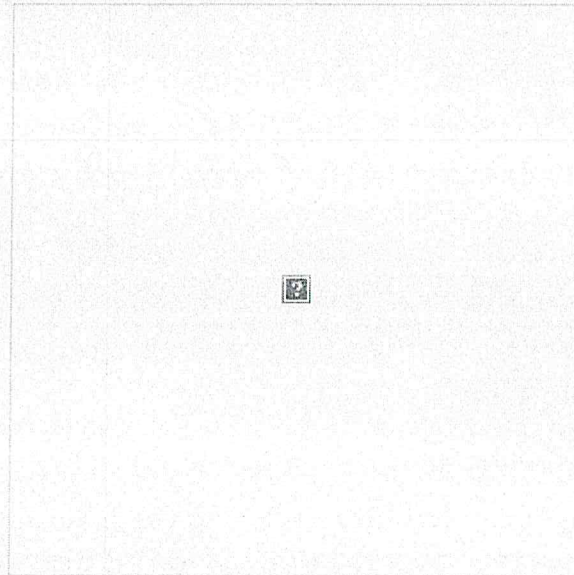
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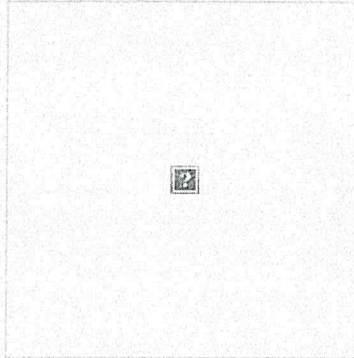
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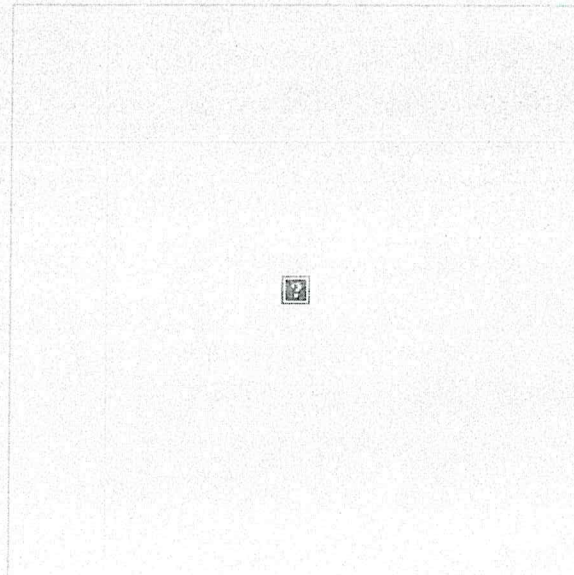
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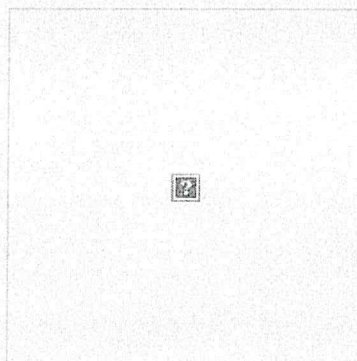
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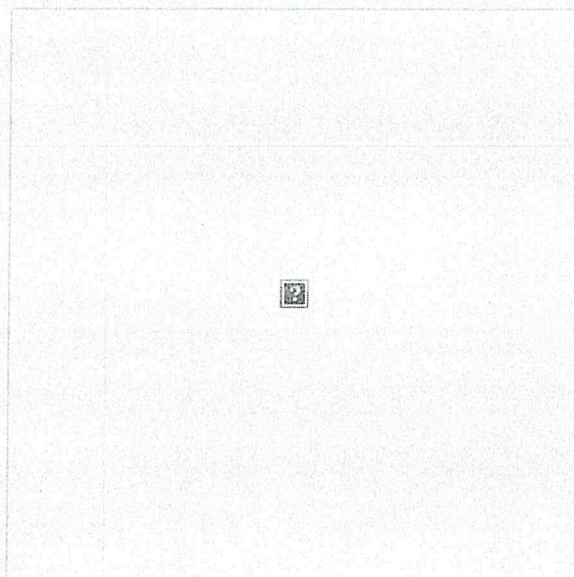
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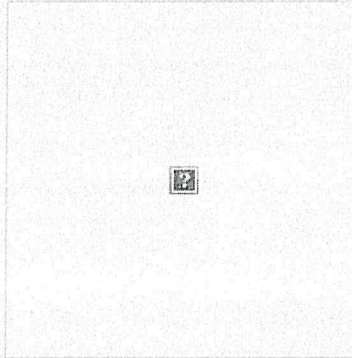
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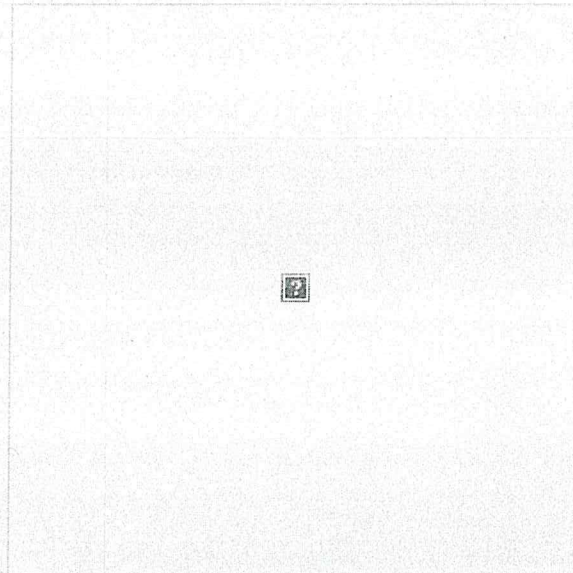
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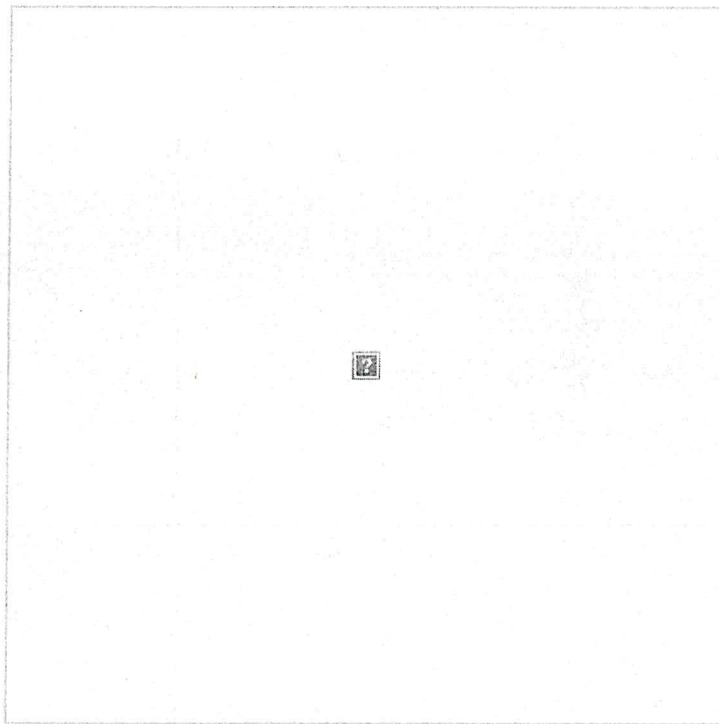


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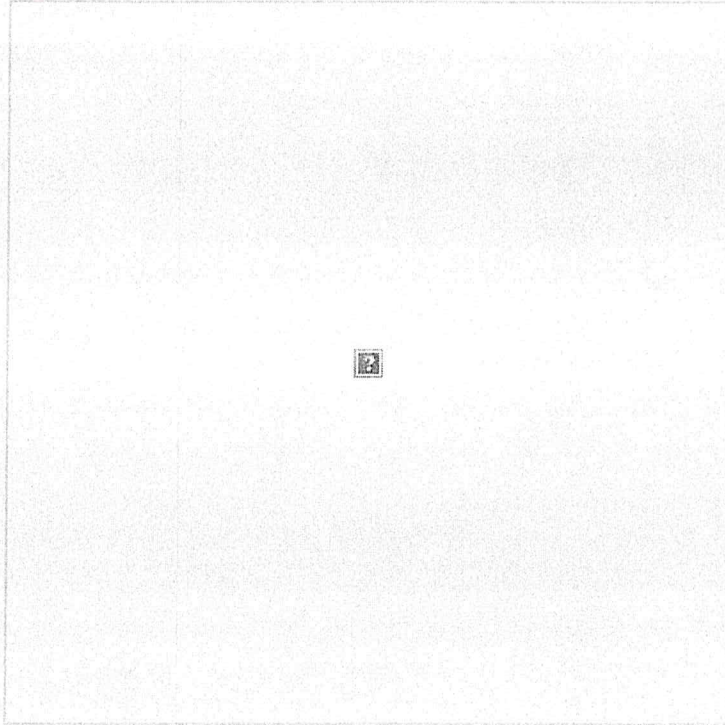
November Meeting: Gabi & Liz Return!



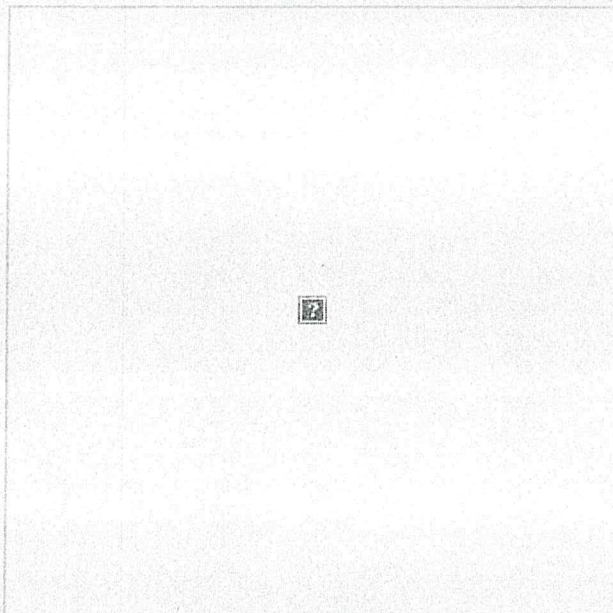
For our November meeting we are having Gabriela and Elizabeth back for an educational workshop. They were with us back in June speaking about the LGBTQIAA+ Spectrum. It was a fantastic workshop and we all learned so much! We are very excited to welcome them back for a second time to come and speak with us and answer all of our questions. Check out our social media and website for more details!



Upcoming Events



In Person Support Needed!



Hardyston Board of Education Meeting

We will be attending the Hardyston Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday November 14th at 7:00PM. We will be reading a statement in response to Transgender Student Policy 5756. We are asking everyone to wear RED to show support! Spread the word, we need as many people as possible to show up. We will be posting this in on social media so make sure to follow us and share!



Social Events



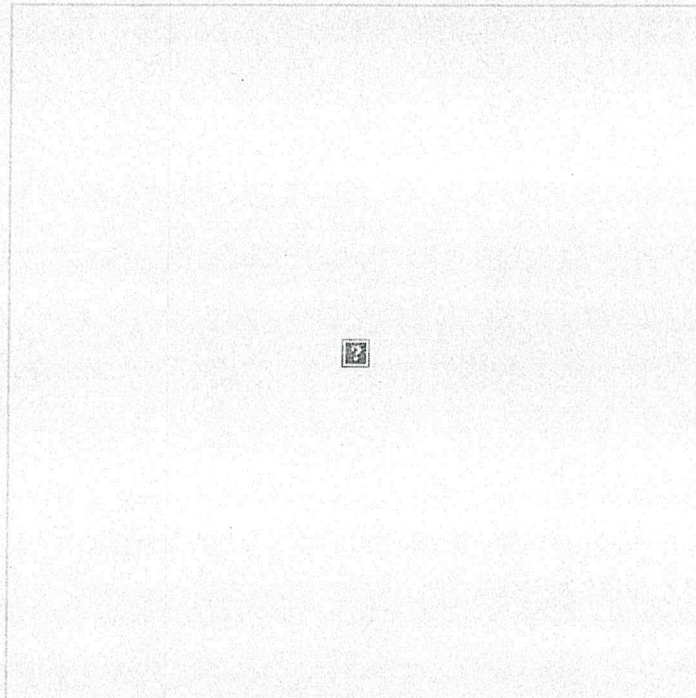
Join renowned former Food Editor of Martha Stewart Living, NY baker, chef, cookbook author, and cooking instructor Jennifer Clair (HomecookingNY.com) to learn how to make a hand-made scratch 6 "pie crust with a fresh filling using apples from our neighbors at Pochuck Farms.

Join us for a board game night at Unplugged: A Board Game Cafe. We will have the place to ourselves to pick from their hundreds of games and puzzles to play together. Unplugged is a place for people of all ages to come, play games, socialize, and connect on a personal level.

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Guide to Being a Straight Ally



PFLAG National has written some really great resources to help people be a better ally to the LGBTQ+ community. For the online publications, they can be downloaded free from their right from their website. We have included the PDF version of their "Guide to Being a Straight Ally," below. This is part of their Straight for Equality series.

"The incredibly detailed honest forthright fully comprehensive completely blunt shockingly simple wonderfully helpful and witty exposition on a topic that sometimes makes people blanch but really shouldn't because this compelling open and straight to the point no pun intended little publication will demystify the secret world of gay people and be your tried and trusted guide to being a straight ally."

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As a chapter of PFLAG National, we also offer membership to PFLAG National for our meeting attendees. Membership costs are \$30/year and include a number of benefits. If you are interested in joining our National group, please notify any board member for assistance or email us at PFLAGSussexCounty@yahoo.com.

All members of the community are welcome to attend and participate in our monthly meetings and various public activities throughout the year. Our meetings are a free community service and we encourage you to join us!

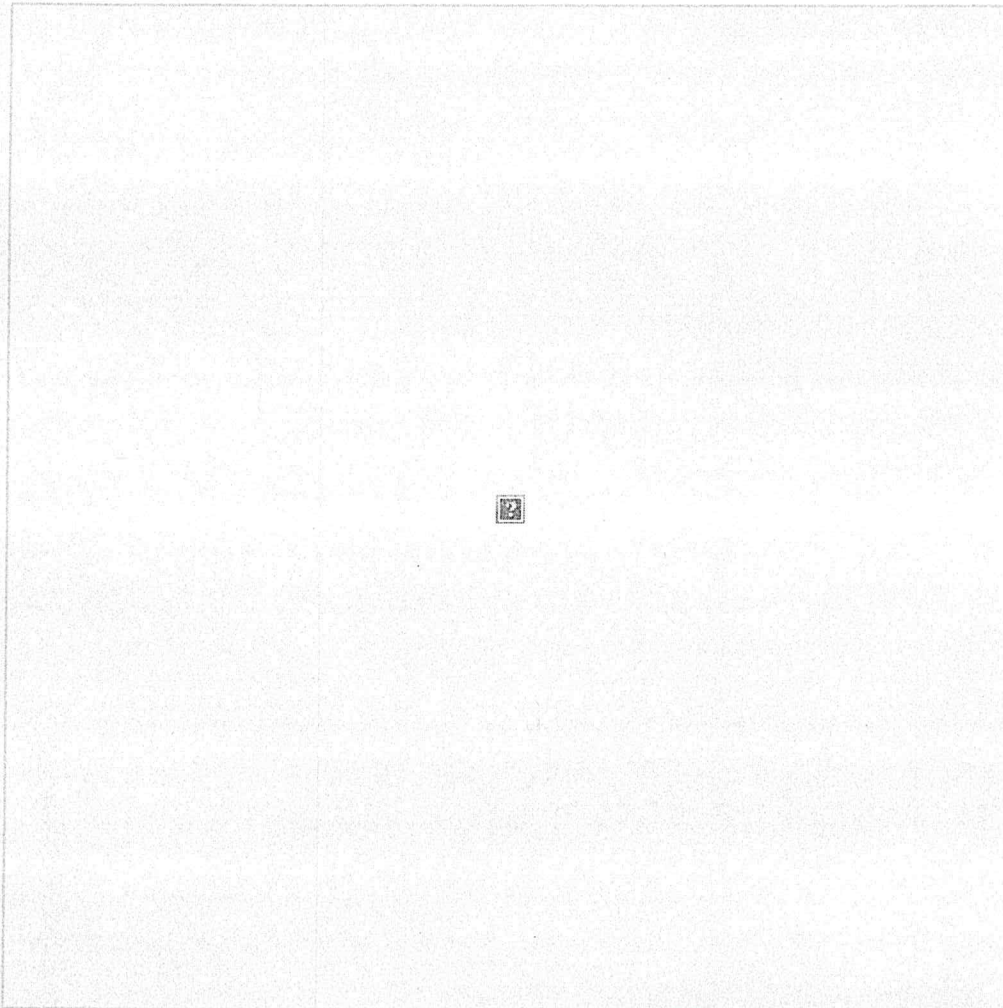
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- A portion of the membership fees go directly back to funding our local chapter.
- PFLAG National newsletter sent to your home each month.
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- Ability to vote in chapter elections.
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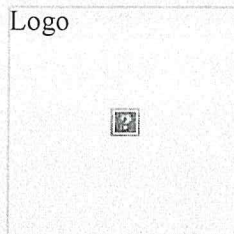
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