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GENDER SUPPORT PLAN FOR STUDENTS

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a parent in the Menomonie School Area District. I wanted to email in FULL support of the Gender Support Plan for Students and to let it be known my opposition to any plan that would only recognize a student's "biological gender" or refer trans or non-binary students to "clergy."

It is disrespectful to not honor a person's wishes to be addressed in a manner of their choosing. It is abhorrent for there to even be a discussion for referring trans or non-binary students to any sort of clergy. This fully violates any separation between church and state, not to mention the ethical concern involved. Not all students and families subscribe to religious organizations.

I always wanted it to be known that I fully support masking in school. The science supports this, and the pandemic wave and school outbreaks also show the need for this.

My child has the privilege of being able to attend a private school from the safety and shelter of our home. Not all children have the same ability or resources. I have been closely watching the events unfold over the course of the past two years at Menomonie High School and still feel concerned and hesitant to send my child to public school at this time. I am hoping there will be an improvement, and my child will be able to finish out their remaining years at the high school. The Gender Support Plan gives me hope, yet we are still very cautious. Non-masking at school is not an acceptable risk for our family to take at this time.

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