

The Importance of Paying Attention



(Picture shown is from a drag show shown to highschoolers at Hempfield School District in Lancaster, PA.)

On January 21st, 2021, Hempfield School District made it clear to TribLIVE.com that the School Board was to create an “*Equity Plan*”, in order to focus on perceived inequality occurring at the school. This is odd as even though the area surrounding the district is 96% White and very little data showed much of any form of discrimination based on education access. The year later, on April 25th 2022, the schools “*Gay Sexuality Alliance*” held a hypersexualized drag show presented to minors at the Lancaster County High School.

The Philadelphia School district has also become too comfortable with this type of behavior. As the twitter account @LibsOfTikTok shows, the school district has invited Drag Queens to perform at an event for Highschoolers and Middleschoolers. What makes this linked to the event that occurred in Hempfield? The Philadelphian School District had created a Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Monroevillites, Pennsylvanians, Americans, it doesn't matter, need to pay attention to what's happening in our backyard when we notice something similar happening to a local school district. Gateway School District, for almost a year and a half now, has been debating on how to implement an Equity Director. This in of itself would see our taxes rise as any addition to the school district would naturally do, but this issue is far greater than the director itself.

See what this whole debate and push for such a Director is is simply a way to gain some semblance of ideological control over the local education system. As we've seen from the examples beforehand, this only leads towards exploitation of children to push some sort of message in the name of “*Progress*” that they can simply blame any group they claim to support if backlash becomes too much. The importance of paying attention, going to school board meetings, going out to vote, and getting good people to run is all necessary to stop battles of politics from entering our children's classrooms and auditoriums and stay with the adults.

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