

Dear Mr. Lecce and Mr. Crawford,

I hope this email finds you and your families both well. I am writing to call on you both to take greater action in the HDSB with a story and inquiry...

How can a school board expose CHILDREN to OVERT SEXUALIZATION in a classroom setting? This is not a conversation about identity, this is a conversation about appropriate conduct in a school environment.

Let me tell you a little story about my child and let me ask you if YOUR child came home and shared, they felt uncomfortable, would your answer be the same as the HDSB...ENDURE it! Because that in my books is child abuse!

Gut feelings are natural, instinctual feelings that are innate signals for human beings. Just like our brain and hearts are signals giving us information.

When my 15-year-old child, is being told by HDSB not to listen to his gut feelings with the inaction of a school board, we are doing our future leaders and world citizens a huge wellbeing disservice.

Being in class was "uncomfortable". Is this what the HDSB wants for a learning experience? And then they throw some mental health resources at them, to DEAL with it???? How about don't expose them to overt sexuality in a classroom to begin with?

The HDSB with their inaction is telling children, their feelings are wrong and to suppress and ignore them. Whether its with dress in a class or consistent bombs threats, children are being made to endure uncomfortable situations because is adult inaction and lack of appropriate decision making. This is not how we foster EMOTIONAL WELLBEING in children.

Are we training children in our public education system not to trust themselves when they are in an uncomfortable situation? A gut check is a huge factor that supports great decision making in life, and the HDSB is forcing them endure this situation at OTHS.

A gut check is an inner compass, it is information to listen to and when educators are telling children that their gut is wrong...I have a very big problem with this as a parent.

EMPOWERED CHILDREN listen to what their body is saying. There is no place in the health and well-being of a child to tell them they are wrong and must endure a situation they are not comfortable in.

I call on you to enforce action in HDSB, and **ACTUALLY** put the children first and choose their wellbeing as a PRIORITY over all else.