

In an effort to address an issue of concern regarding the free and open environment for discussions on a very controversial issue, I recently sent a letter to all of the high school principals. In my enthusiasm to provide a positive impact on the school environment, I made recommendations that could be perceived as a desire to change curriculum. While this was not my intent, I understand that my actions could be perceived as attempting to direct principals to change their curriculum or how they address this issue. I apologize to the superintendent, the principals, and to my fellow board members for providing the information to the principals in a manner that usurped board policy.

It has also been brought to my attention that the letter creates a perception that I am anti-homosexual. The intent of my letter was to encourage an environment where there can be open discussion on this issue in order to foster understanding between people of different opinions in order to diffuse potential hostility that can result from the lack of that understanding. I apologize to those persons within the community, especially those of the homosexual community, that may have been given the impression that I do not respect their rights or discount them as individuals. I especially apologize to those members of the Fairfax County Public School Staff that may have felt that I did not appreciate their daily efforts toward the education of the children of Fairfax County. It was not my intent to discount those individuals or their efforts to the community.

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