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Subject: Protect and support students

Hello,

Thank you again for all your hard work on the BOE budget and all the work you do for our schools and students.

I am writing because I am very concerned about the latest federal directive from the current administration regarding DEI in our schools.

While you await direction from the state Department of Education, I urge you not to take any action that would remove any "DEI" initiatives or wording from our school policies. Please hold out for as long as possible and do not take action prematurely out of fear. I encourage you to fight back against federal agency demands to censor anything it deems diversity, equity and inclusion, which they do not have authority to make.

NY public schools have told the federal administration that they won't comply with the DEI order. I hope that Connecticut stands strong and does the same.

We must loudly and publicly protect and support ALL students in our school, especially those that are currently being targeted by the malicious whims of the federal administration. We don't tolerate bullying in our schools and we shouldn't tolerate or give in to bullying from our president either!

Thank you,
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