



Please Remember...

Gay-Straight Alliances, Queer-Straight Alliances, and Alliances from around Ohio participated in a campaign asking educators, administrators, and community members to “Please Remember” the following:

We are all equal. We should not be treated differently even though we are. When you see us being teased please say something because it is not easy being different in a world full of similar people. So please remember we are people just like everyone else.

Just because a student is gay, doesn't mean that they worship the devil!

Everyone has flaws not just LBGT members.

Gender and sex are two different things.

Please don't judge people by what they look like.

Don't be bias when teaching.

LGBT people are no different than non-LGBT people; they have feelings, too!

Penis ≠ Male. Vagina ≠ Female. Be mindful of trans* people.

We're all humans & we're all the same.

You don't have to make a big deal about supporting LGBT students, just do it. You don't have to put them on a pedestal; they are human, too.

To avoid using homophobic slurs.

To treat homosexual couple the same way you treat heterosexual couples.

Not to be afraid by keeping your identity a secret but stand up and set the example.

LGBT students are like any other student.

When asked to call someone by a certain pronoun, that it's to make us feel comfortable.

Once you call someone a name, you can't take it back and it's really hurtful.

We are all equal, no matter the gender or orientation.

That words can hurt and that you wouldn't want to hurt for being straight.

Please stand up to LGBTQ students! Do not watch bullying happen. STEP UP.

Saying things like "what girl are you taking to the prom?" or "what boy are you seeing?" can put people in an awkward situation. Use neutrality in your questions.

The word "gay" is NOT a synonym for "dumb." That's so gay" is NOT and shouldn't be acceptable.

Not to use heteronormative language in the classroom (not all boys date girls & not all girls date boys!).

LGBT isn't an opportunity to hate.

Homosexuality is not one of the Seven Deadly sins!

Gender and sexuality don't define a person. Actions do.

To be open minded on gender and sexual orientation!

You are being closely watched to see if you are a safe person for students to be themselves. Small actions, objects, or impressions go a long way.

Being an LGBT youth is very difficult and should not be a situation to be taken lightly.

That we are still human no matter our sexual preference.

Not to make comments about who I like or what I identify as.

Love is never something you should feel ashamed of. No matter who you are love is always pure.

That people are more than just straight or gay. They're people just like you and me and should be treated as such.

No one person expresses themselves the same way. Each is a book you've yet to open, so do not assume the plot or theme based on the summary of your understanding.

We are adolescents. We are still trying to figure our "who we are." Please support us in this.

Always to use the pronouns a person chooses for themselves.

Sex is not bad. And genitals aren't either.

I can't tone down my feminism. That's the point of feminism.

Teachers, outside of school, you are welcome to your opinions, but in school it is your job to protect students—all students. They need you and look to you for support when they have no one else. Be there.

Sex is not a given. Not all people are interested in sex. Remember asexuality.

That all voices should be heard and respected.

Not to "yuck" someone's "yum."

That it is your job to protect and empathize with all members of the GLBTQ community, not just the ones that are "easy" to deal with. We all deserve your time.

A time that someone advocated for you and how important advocacy work is.

We can see the way you judge us.

To step in when inappropriate and offensive comments are made.

That inappropriate "jokes" are not or never funny.

People are born gay, so deal with it.

To correct students and fellow administrators if you notice use of offensive language.

That we aren't a different species, and should not be treated as such. We have feelings, too.

To stand up to students using homophobic slurs.

Someone's struggles are not always apparent...if you suspect, ask!

Appearance does not determine personality! Please don't judge!

Don't let kids get away with comments like "Ew you're gay" or "Oh my god so gay."

To use gender inclusive language when possible.

Not to determine another person's worth based on their sexuality.

Not all lesbians have short hair, not all gay guys wear skinny jeans. Don't fall into stereotypes.

Appearance does not dictate someone's preferred pronouns. Ask, don't assume!

Don't shove religion and your definition of love down peoples' throats. Your opinion may differ and offend others.

Please do not blatantly avoid using gender-specific pronouns just because you are uncomfortable with their gender identity. You wouldn't dance around pronouns with someone who is gender binary.

I am no less important than you. I have feelings, too. My definition of love is no different than yours. We all have feelings and deserve to be respected.

To see notecards from the campaign, visit www.kycoho.org!