



CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

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Steven Brown
Executive Director
Rhode Island ACLU
128 Dorrance Street, Suite 220
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Dear Mr. Brown,

Cranston Public Schools does not condone gender limited events. Two years ago, the Central Office leadership directed all the principals to work with their partner organizations to make all events, such as dances, be inclusive and not gender-exclusive. The parent group did not receive approval for this activity or for the corresponding flyer.

I will be meeting with all principals prior to the close of school to reinforce the District's position regarding this issue. In addition, partnership organizations will be informed as we do not wish to isolate any child from a school related activity.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Lundsten, Ed. D.
Assistant Superintendent

Cc: Carolyn Mark, RI NOW
Attorney Ronald Cascione