

OPINION

"The right to be let alone is indeed the beginning of all freedom."

Justice William O. Douglas
(1898-1980)

Vote for Dunne, Gibbons and Mascolo

When working on a board of education in any area with any amount of people with different views, the children must come first.

A board's aim is guiding them to be kind, compassionate, smart and thoughtful individuals with the hopes that they will lead the community in a good direction.

We disagree with grades K-8 Board of Education's changes to state policy 5756, which would protect transgender and LGBTQ+ students from differential

treatment at schools, including protecting their sexual orientation and gender identity.

The board's changes to 5756 are troublesome for the kids' futures as the Board of Education in Hanover Township has effectively made it harder for the students to be themselves in school. Furthermore, the board is now restricting how kids see themselves and how their friends view them.

The Board of Education race is deeply rooted in politics.

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For parents to sit and make decisions that will harm the lives of these children as they grow up is terrible to even think about.

The newspaper stands with any student and their decision to keep their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression away from their parents. The state's policy is there for a reason and there is no telling what a parent

who disagrees with their child on this matter could subject the child to.

The current board's litigation with the state Attorney General Matt Platkin over the policy is a legal battle that is wasting taxpayer money with no end in sight.

With that said, we endorse Christina Dunne, Brian Gibbons and Karen Mascolo. These are the only three candidates among all the other Hanover board candidates and members, who truly have the students' well-be-

ing as their main objective.

The claim of students mattering most to William McCabe, Christopher Mattesich and Michelle Stricchiola is bogus.

These same three candidates wish to speak to a room full of parents but become no-shows to a candidate forum with the League of Women Voters, an organization that has prided itself on strictly being non-partisan for decades.

Dunne, Gibbons and Mascolo are parents with experience

in the classroom and with mental health backgrounds. During this time in the Hanover Township school district when it seems students are afraid to express themselves, it is these three candidates who matter most for the students and put education first.

The board needs to get out of this legal battle, save the taxpayers' money and focus on education.

Vote for Dune, Gibbons and Mascolo on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7.