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Summary of main points for the issue/ concern:

I want to speak about transgender hate and discrimination and the possible future effects of this behavior. Discrimination includes overt and subtle discriminatory behaviors and processes. If you deliberately hung up a sign advocating direct violence against a person, you would be charged with criminal behavior, but is it any less illegal if it's indirect and ambiguous.

I don't think anyone here wants to be signaled out and picked on, discriminated at and hated for their beliefs or background, so we need to be vigilant in making sure we don't allow it to happen. If we don't push back against hatred, racism, prejudice against everyone, then we must be prepared to suffer it personally against ourselves in the future.

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue:

That the OCDSB strongly commit to allowing and fostering all viewpoints of their students related to their sexual beliefs, orientation and behavior. That the OCDSB not allow any group or person to influence the fair and equitable policies especially when it deals with transgender student.