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Members of the Board of Education and Dr. Weast.

The MCPS system supports and even encourages a number of student clubs that generally provide valuable and wholesome supplement to their education, and can be a factor in a child getting into a chosen college.

While there is, therefore no questioning the value of most of these clubs, some of these clubs involve extremely controversial subjects that the parents of the involved children may not be aware of and which run counter to the parent's beliefs and wishes for their children.

So, why doesn't MCPS require parental notification and permission for student participation in all clubs?

Children's time is important and often tightly stretched. **Parents need to know what their children are doing and how they are being directed.**

Wouldn't you be concerned if you found out that children in certain clubs were given information about how to have anal or oral sex? How about if these same children, as young as 13, were coerced to attend, all expense paid workshops around the country.

There are student clubs, such as the Gay/Straight Clubs, in the MCPS that are sponsored by an organization that has literature that encourages the techniques of sodomy.¹ This organization provided literature in an April, 2005 workshop for Massachusetts students that included a list of bars and clubs for children to go to. This same organization encourages students in these sponsored clubs to advocate against having parental permission. This organization recruits confused and naive 13-19 year old children for indoctrination by providing workshops, including paid airline and hotel expenses, on how to start a gay/straight club. This organization is called Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network or GLSEN. These workshops include minor children! Who checks out the workshop teachers?

Parental notification and permission for student participation is needed for ALL CLUBS!

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¹ Little Black Book was distributed by Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) to **hundreds of kids (middle school age and up)** at Brookline High School, Brookline, MA, on **April 30, 2005**. It was written by the Boston-based AIDS Action Committee, with help with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Boston Public Health Commission. The event that day was designed for children and their teachers across Massachusetts, **organized by (GLSEN); To view the entire booklet;** www.article8.net/downloads/LittleBlackBook.pdf ;