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Mr. Todd Carlson, District Administrator  
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**RE: Student, Brandon Wegner**

Dear Mr. Carlson,

After reading of the disciplinary action taken against one of your students, we would like to offer the enclosed statements to assist you and the school board in evaluating Brandon Wegner's op-ed composition. The topic of same-sex adoption is not as decided as some professionals would have the public believe. There is no clear evidence that children reared in same-sex-led households fare as well as those reared by their biological heterosexual parents. In fact, there is evidence of relative risk to the child within this non biological setting. It appears that this is the point that this student was trying to make.

You were quoted as saying that you were "taking steps to prevent items of this nature from happening in the future." In crafting your policies, I hope you and your staff would consider *all* the evidence and not simply pen policy influenced by social or political pressures.

The website, ***Facts About Youth***, may also be of help to you in evaluating this matter. It can be found at [www.FactsAboutYouth.com](http://www.FactsAboutYouth.com).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Den A. Trumbull, MD  
President

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