



## Los Alamos Federation of School Employees

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### **Los Alamos Federation of School Employees Support Inclusion and Diversity in Schools**

*Educators have a Responsibility to All Students and Staff*

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*Los Alamos* – Los Alamos Federation of School Employees (LAFSE) Union Co-President, Christine Engelbrecht, and Los Alamos Federation of School Employees Union Co-President, Trey Pereyra, released the following statements:

"Recent, disturbing efforts are emerging in our community to remove any references to representation, literature, events, or celebrations regarding LGBTQ+ History Month or National Coming Out Day. This has given public educators cause for pause and concern. Sexual orientation and gender identity are protected classes in New Mexico, and it is abhorrent to educational professionals in the Los Alamos Public Schools that some in our community would seek to target, harass, and erase these valuable community voices and identities.

"Los Alamos is comprised of diverse individuals of various backgrounds. Our student and staff population are no different. The inclusion of our LGBTQ+ staff and students will continue to be a priority of this Union.

"Additionally, student and staff wellbeing must be prioritized, and we will work with our community and school partners to ensure every resource, book, advocate, educational literature, and support is readily available. I am excited to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month and National Coming Out Day with our students and staff, and we urge all Los Alamos residents to reject harmful efforts to erase segments of our student and staff populations," said Pereyra.

"LAFSE has and will continue to advocate, support, and defend all staff members from attacks based on their identity. We will continue to support the LAPS School board as they create and uphold policies which prohibit discrimination of our staff and student minority groups and LGBTQ+ populations in accordance with Title IX federal law. Furthermore, we celebrate educators in this district who choose curriculum which promotes kindness, acceptance, and inclusion of all students and staff members," said Engelbrecht.

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