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### **Viral Lancaster BOE Video Showcases Indoctrination in Local Schools**

Recently, a video of Lancaster parent Adrienne Gummo speaking at a Lancaster CSD Board of Education meeting went viral. The video, shared by popular @libsoftiktok on X (Twitter), has been viewed over 1.2 million times. Why was this video so popular and what does it say about the state of education in America?

To be clear, Ms. Gummo is not a member of Moms for Liberty. Our group was introduced to this issue on June 4, 2024, with the rest of the country when the video was shared. However, in watching her speak, it is clear that her concerns resonate with our members and thousands of parents across the United States.

Ms. Gummo's daughter was asked to define gender during a classroom assignment. When she wrote that, "Gender is what you are when you are born, male or female," her teacher told her she was wrong. The student was made to change her answer to, "Gender is whatever you want to identify as." This teacher has clearly taken the authority to indoctrinate her students with ideology that is neither scientific fact, approved, nor mandated, by the state of New York.

Furthermore, Ms. Gummo, who is also a teacher in a neighboring district, was informed that she is labelled an "HMP" or "High Maintenance Parent" within the Lancaster system due to her conservative, Christian values and past interactions questioning the district. At a time when the Biden Administration's Department of Justice has been exposed for targeting parents who spoke out at board meetings, and labelling them as "extremists", this is very concerning.

Yesterday, on June 17, 2024, the Lancaster BOE held another meeting. While our board could not attend personally, we are proud that many of our members showed up to support Ms. Gummo and speak on her behalf. It is time that the silent majority gather courage to speak and stop this radical ideology from further infiltrating our schools. School board members must hold their administration & teachers accountable for teaching the basics only. The pandemic caused irreparable damage to our student's education, and we should be focused on reading, math & history instead of forcing personal political or religious beliefs upon children without parental knowledge or consent.

Moms for Liberty of Erie County has been accused of being "anti-teacher" when the opposite is true. In fact, three of our four board members are current public-school teachers. They have been harassed, threatened and ostracized at work due to their beliefs. Instead, our group supports teachers to work in an environment free of political, religious or ideological pressures to teach material that goes against their beliefs. We also clearly support a parent's fundamental right to direct the upbringing of their child and believe that no teacher should be speaking to students about these controversial topics without the knowledge and consent of a parent.

We congratulate Ms. Gummo and others who have spoken publicly in support of parental rights and invite them all to join Moms for Liberty. Together, we can turn this ship around!

#### **About Moms for Liberty**

Moms for Liberty is dedicated to fighting for the survival of America by unifying, educating and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government. Moms for Liberty was founded in 2021 by two moms and former school board members and has grown to over 130,000 members strong with chapters in almost every state. Visit [www.momsforliberty.org](http://www.momsforliberty.org) and click "join the fight" to join your local chapter.

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