

## EDUCATOR ADMINISTRATOR LETTER

Dear [Administrator],

I am writing on behalf of my (students, GSA, families) who would like to participate in GLSEN's No Name-Calling Week this January. [GLSEN](#) is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for all students in K-12 schools.

GLSEN's [No Name-Calling Week](#), (NNCW) is a week organized by K-12 educators and students to end name-calling and bullying in schools. This week shares tools and resources for disrupting anti-LGBTQ harassment and bias-based bullying, and encourages LGBTQ+ youth to share what they want to be called. GLSEN's [National School Climate](#) reported on the prevalence of biased language, name-calling, and bullying in U.S. schools. They found that:

- almost all LGBTQ students (98.8%) heard “gay” used in a negative way at school (e.g. that’s so gay”), and 91.8% reported that they felt distressed because of this language.
- 95.2% of LGBTQ students heard other types of homophobic remarks and 91.8% heard negative remarks about gender expression

[Share if you have collected information from colleagues about bullying or bias-based name-calling at your school. Share objectives for the week if you have established them.]

This year, No Name-Calling Week occurs on (dates for the week). Our GSA would like to [do a presentation at the faculty meeting, host a screening of a Free Film offered by GLSEN for students and/or families, share about anti-bullying tips and actions at the morning meeting announcements, facilitate a discussion about what LGBTQ+ students need to be #safetoBE at our school]. As an educator, I'd like to [teach LGBTQ+ inclusive lessons, let my families know about this week, host a screening free film, and/or invite other students to our GSA meeting].

Additionally, GLSEN is offering [Free 30 Min, evidence-based, virtual Professional Development for educators](#), which focuses on better preparing us to intervene in anti-LGBTQ comments and harassment, to educators who take the [NNCW Pledge](#). [GLSEN research](#) showed that over half of “LGBTQ students who were harassed or assaulted in school did not report the incident to school staff, most commonly because they doubted that effective intervention would occur or the situation could become worse if reported.” Participating in this program will help us to better have the skills to intervene in support of our students, and to create a more respectful learning environment for all.

No Name-Calling Week is most effective as a school-wide initiative. I would like to help organize a whole-school [virtual] assembly for this year's No Name-Calling Week so that all of our students have a chance to participate in this national program.

Please let me know if you would like to set up a meeting with me [and my students] to discuss these plans more, or if there is any other information you need.

Thank you!

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