

**LGBTQ+ OUTREACH OF PC- SOCIAL MEDIA & SCHOOL BOARD STATEMENT
11/16/23 - Pride Flag Removal VHS**

SOCIAL MEDIA BRIEF:

We, the board of directors and community members of LGBTQ+ Outreach of Porter County, in keeping with our mission of promoting an affirming community to LGBTQ+ youth, stand in support of Valparaiso Community school teachers and faculty who work to create a safe and affirming community within their classrooms and schools. The forced removal of messages that display affirmation and inclusion sends the wrong message to our youth.

We encourage you to attend the Valparaiso School Board meeting on Thursday, November 16th at 6 pm to show solidarity with LGBTQ+ youth and their families in our community and those teachers who help them feel welcome daily. Our kids deserve to be seen, heard, and supported.

Reference:

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2021/>

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