

# A Step in the Right Direction

## LGBTQ+ Progress

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On Friday, October the 13th, LGBTQ+ students and supporters were given a chance to speak in front of the school board about issues in our building, and the steps being taken to advance equality amongst all.

Sadly though, it is not only an issue on part of the school board and administration, but it is also a failure of acceptance amongst portions of the student body.

During the junior dean talk earlier this year, President of the DHS GSA Club Lou Peckys was appallingly greeted with a ruckus of boos and nasty insults when questioning whether transgender students are free to use the bathrooms with which they are comfortable.

Over the years, DHS Administration has “done its best” to comply with the needs of its numerous LGBTQ+ students, but as of late it has become quite evident that there is much more that needs to be done.

As a society we brag and brag about how advanced we are, and how accepting we are. Yet our own students here at DHS cannot get

past sharing the bathroom with another human being.

It truly sickens and pains me to think that such an amazing group of people, at such an excellent school like DHS cannot get past such a simple thing as establishing basic human rights and treatment within the student body.

For those of us that identify within the LGBTQ+ spectrum, not only is this behavior upsetting, but also extremely frightening. Imagine waking up every morning, and having to worry about not just your grades, not just friends and drama, but the fact that you don't feel safe in your own body or in your own school.

The current behavior of some DHS students on the issue of gender equality and identification is disgraceful, embarrassing, and is far from being acceptable.

Please, everyone, take some time to consider that what you say and do has a lasting and powerful impact upon numerous people around you and how you may be perceived.

We are strong DHS, and I have no doubt that we can rise above and move past this struggle. However, it's going to take an effort from everyone. So let's start now with a step in the right direction.



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