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Dear Stephen E. Danish and the Immanuel Christian School Board,

As with any place of education, Immanuel Christian School has the immense responsibility of preparing young people for their futures while providing them with a safe environment.

We at The Trevor Project, the world's largest suicide prevention organization for LGBTQ young people, hear first-hand about the damages that anti-LGBTQ rhetoric and policies can cause for youth. In many cases, young people contact us about not feeling safe at home or school — places where they spend most of their time and should feel the safest. They tell us that they are afraid of attending unsafe school environments, and experience heartbreaking rejection just for coming out as who they are. Policies and rhetoric that exclude or reject LGBTQ youth can lead to increased risk for suicide and depression, and it's our organization's mission to end suicide among LGBTQ young people.

With your help, we hope you will change your school's student and employee policies to accept LGBTQ students and employees. We know that just one supportive person can decrease an LGBTQ youth's risk of suicide by 30 percent; and while we aim to be that person for many young people across the country, Immanuel Christian School can join us in preventing suicide and depression.

Please accept our gift of "A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo" books, which you may include in your school's library or classrooms, and share with your family and friends. Combined with school policy changes, we believe these books can help encourage acceptance of LGBTQ young people among your community, and they can be a great first step to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all students.

Thank you for your consideration,
The Trevor Project