



CWA of California
Action Alert
March 30, 2005

Dear Friend:

It takes only a few minutes of your time ...

A hearing on AB 349 (Mountjoy) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6. (The original March 16 hearing was rescheduled.) This important bill requires parental consent before controversial sexual topics are discussed with children in grades seven through 12 and prohibits discussion of those topics in younger years. Please let the committee know that parents want schools to focus on teaching core subjects, not alternative sexuality, and their rights must be respected.

If you responded to our alert on March 14, you do *not* need to send another letter. If you haven't sent your letter of support to the committee, please do so before Friday to ensure that it is tabulated in the published analysis!

Pray that God would give the committee members wisdom as they meet next week.

A sample letter to cut and paste is below. More complete talking points are also included.

Please fax the committee at (916) 319-2187. You may also fax or e-mail the individual members. That contact information is below. Send a copy of your letter to Assemblyman Mountjoy's office at (916) 319-2159 (fax) or Assemblymember.Mountjoy@assembly.ca.gov.

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Thank you for making a difference!

Sample Letter Supporting AB 349

The Honorable Jackie Goldberg, Chair
Assembly Education Committee
Via E-mail/Fax

Dear Chairwoman Goldberg:

The rights of parents, the primary educators of their children, are paramount. There must be trust between parents and their children's schools. In order to ensure that trust, parents must be notified and provide consent when subject matter involves sensitive moral issues. AB 349 (Mountjoy) helps protect parental rights and provide that vital trust by requiring consent when certain controversial topics are discussed in the classroom. Since younger children in particular are just not ready for this subject matter, AB 349 rightly prohibits discussion in the lower grades.

Please support this important bill with your yes vote when it is heard in your committee.

Our California students are struggling in core subjects and teaching must focus on those critical areas, not alternative sexual behaviors. Even in sex education, parents want their children to be taught about abstaining from sexual activity. Further discussion of sexual practices is the domain of the home.

Please show your respect for parental rights and help build trust between parents and schools by voting "yes" on AB 349.

Respectfully,

AB 349 – Prohibited Instruction – Sex Education and Counseling Talking Points

1. AB 349 requires written approval from parents of students in grades seven through twelve before their children receive instruction on controversial forms of sexual behavior.* The bill also prohibits this instruction in kindergarten through grade six.
2. This bill recognizes the importance of parental guidance in sensitive areas that involve social mores and intimate behavior.
3. AB 349 ensures that school curricula in health, family life and any other subject areas do not create a hostile environment for young, impressionable children. Simply put, children are not ready for these topics, which are clearly beyond the scope of the primary, and even secondary, classroom.
4. A February 2003 Zogby poll of over 1,200 parents of K-12 students indicated that 71 percent of parents responding nationally said they opposed sex education programs that teach students that homosexual love relationships are comparable to heterosexual relationships. Certainly the inclusion of other "mature" subject matter would create equal, if not greater, opposition from parents.
5. Teaching these "mature" themes without notification and consent usurps parental authority.
6. AB 349 protects parental rights and respects the moral and religious convictions of students and parents.

* Prohibited instruction includes the following behaviors as listed in the legislation: Bestiality, bisexuality, cunnilingus, domestic partnerships, fellatio, homosexuality, lesbianism, masochism, masturbation, necrophilia, orgies, pederasty, pedophilia, sadism, sodomy, transexuality, transgenderism, and transvestitism.

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