

Questions for the Board of Education

Submitted at May 8, 2023 meeting

1. Question related to Board of Education Policy 2240 “Controversial Issues” asked: Who determines the level of maturity (in a student)?
 - a. Teacher pre-service training typically includes coursework that examines the development of children up through adolescence and into young adulthood. Our teachers have that training as well as a wealth of classroom experience to guide them when determining if/when a child is mature enough to encounter a specific topic which may be considered controversial. Our teachers recognize that they must take great care in their review of classroom materials and, more specifically, balance the instructional goals with the level of maturity and/or comprehension of the students as well as the differing needs of individual students and their families.
2. Question: “Is the transgender agenda an edict from the federal government and will they threaten withholding federal funding for Lakeview if transgender criteria is not implemented?”
 - a. Title IX prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school or any other educational program that receives funding from the federal government. The law is intended to foster a safe environment for all. The aim is to treat all people equally and fairly. Sexual orientation falls under the protections of Title IX. Failure to follow the law can result in the loss of federal funding as well as additional sanctions.