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Re: Support for Skyline High School Girl's Volleyball Team & Community

Dear Ann Arbor Public School Board Members:

PFLAG is a national organization founded by allies and loved ones of LGBTQ+ individuals. Throughout the United States, there are over 350 chapters. Historically, PFLAG is known for its support and activism for those who have been targeted or singled out. PFLAG-Monroe is a local chapter of primarily Monroe County, Michigan residents who create supportive spaces for the parents, family, and friends of LGBTQ+ people. We share a commitment to advocating for and educating our community to make it a safer, more supportive and loving place for LGBTQ+ people.

As members of PFLAG-Monroe, and as many of us are parents of LGBTQ+ children ourselves, we were heartbroken to learn of a transgender student-athlete on the Skyline girls' volleyball team being singled out and bullied just because they are living their authentic life. We recognize members of our own community, here in Monroe, Michigan, are among those spreading untruthful information and also reciting transphobic politicized talking points to catch the eyes and ears of politicians and legislators. We want the team to know, **we see you**, **we support you**, and it is **not about who you are**.

As parents, who have experienced how hurtful and harmful the hateful rhetoric about LGBTQ+ individuals and their lives can be, and seen the visible impacts on our kids' lives, we want to affirm our support to the Skyline High School Girl's Volleyball Team and community. All young people deserve both to participate in athletics, learning relationships, teamwork, collaboration, and sportsmanship *and* to live as their true self. We applaud the Skyline team and all the other girls' volleyball players this season who worked hard, played by the rules, and accepted their wins and losses with grace. We are among many in Monroe, Michigan celebrating your athletic and team accomplishments, especially you doing so while being your whole selves.

Please share this message with the athletes on the Skyline volleyball team. As members of the Monroe, Michigan community, we appreciate the opportunity to express support of transgender students and athletes everywhere.

In support and solidarity,

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