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Sent:

Wednesday, April 27, 2011 4:21 PM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Website block

Importance: High

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From: White, Julian

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:19 PM

To: Ruffins, John

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From: Harper, Jennifer

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:46 PM

To: Ivy, Erica **Cc:** White, Julian

Subject: RE: Website block

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Julian,

Please see the below request to unblock GLADD website.

Jen

From: Ivy, Erica

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:09 PM

To: Harper, Jennifer **Subject:** Website block

Ms. Harper,

Thank you so much for speaking with me concerning the website I attempted to access. The blocking of the GLAAD website is not only inappropriate, it is also detrimental to teachers, students, and staff. This website offers a plethora of good information for educators and students.

The article I was attempting to access related to the American Federation of Teachers partnering with GLAAD on an anti-bullying campaign. When I saw the web filter violation, I must say I was shocked to see the category listed as "Homosexuality." I understand blocking sexually provocative material on the web- I have no problem with that. I do, however, take issue with a reputable website being blocked because it houses homosexual content that is nonsexual in nature.

The GLAAD website has many teacher resources that deal with issues pertaining to bullying and tolerance. I find it wholly inappropriate that a reputable website has been deemed worthy of filtering, especially under the category "Homosexuality". Homosexuality is not a disease or deviant behavior; the use of the word homosexuality in this context is abhorrent. The fact that homosexuality is a reason to prohibit the use of the website is not only disgusting, it is unlawful. Please consider revising the current filter on GLAAD, as well as the current usage of the word homosexuality as a category for filtering content.

Thank you,

Erica Ivy

















