Teachers should NOT be required to train children to place sexual category labels upon themselves or others. Unfortunately, teachers will be required to teach children how to identify and categorize themselves and others based on their "sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, or [gender] expression" because these specific words from NRS 651.070 have been copied and pasted into the text of the Education Standards for Health. School employees should NOT be allowed to engage in any activity that attempts to encourage or motivate a student to announce or change their sexual orientation or their gender identity. The timing of such important decisions are very personal and should be determined by the student under the guidance and supervision of their parents or guardians. I sincerely request that the words "sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, and [gender] expression" be removed from the New 2020 Health Standards so that students can focus on learning to treat all human beings with respect without being required to categorize or label themselves or others based upon their sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, or gender expression. Children should not develop the habit of labeling people according to their sexuality. They should simply learn to be kind and respectful toward ALL human beings. Young children and young adults should not be pressured to place sexual labels upon themselves or anyone else.

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