

**Concerns about *TrevorSpace* Forum and Why Districts Should
Decline to Promote it as a “Crisis Support Resource” for Students**

To: [Name of Superintendent / School District Board President]

My son or daughter is a student in your school district. It has recently come to my attention per recent media coverage that some school districts have been recommending that students in the LGBTQ community use a forum called TrevorSpace. While the website is designed to be “an affirming international community for LGBTQ young people ages 13–24,” the way it is actually being utilized is incredibly concerning.

In reality, chat room-style forums allow *adults and children* to connect to discuss topics such as sexuality and sexual preferences, gender transitioning (including how to obtain sex hormones and promotion of irreversible surgeries), and how to keep information secret from parents. There are also subforums which allow users, who are labeled clearly as either “under 18” or “18 to 25,” to post photos of themselves.

TrevorSpace is run by The Trevor Project. Importantly, TrevorSpace, to be clear, is *not* a suicide prevention website. Its own guidelines state that “TrevorSpace is not designed to provide individualized suicide prevention therapy or crisis intervention.” There are numerous legitimate suicide prevention resources, such as the nationwide Suicide and Crisis Lifeline 988, and HOPELINE (text 741741).

Students discussing sexuality with adults, often seeking to eliminate parents entirely from the conversation, raises significant concerns about student safety. This is particularly true because any user, regardless of age, may participate in the chat rooms. Adults can respond directly to children and, in many cases, discuss physical locations and details on how to engage in further private communications.

The adults on TrevorSpace know the age limitations and can easily evade them. There is no method of confirming users’ ages upon signing up for an account, so adults can select any age and easily participate in “Under 18” forum discussions.

If the school district promotes TrevorSpace as a recommended crisis support resource for students, I urge you to discontinue such recommendations and remove it immediately as a resource from your website and any other locations.

If the district has not promoted TrevorSpace, please continue with the status quo in that regard and refuse to promote it to your students.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

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