

Ladies and gentlemen of the School Board, my name is P.J. Davis. I'm here tonight because you intend to again authorize flying the Rainbow Flag over our district's public-school campuses.

For two years I've raised serious objections with you regarding this practice, and for two years you've refused to substantively engage those objections. You've rather ignored me.

The most serious objection to a display of the Rainbow Flag over public schools is the way in which doing so violates the religious conscience of some amongst your students, not to mention your employees.

The Rainbow Flag's designer was a man named Gilbert Baker. Gilbert Baker was known in part for his "Pink Jesus" drag queen outfit. This outfit consisted of spray-painting his body pink, wearing an American flag loincloth, donning a pink crown of thorns and pink high heels, and carrying a pink balsa wood cross as he marched in San Francisco.

Must our kids submit themselves to the creation of such a disrespectful man just to access their public-school campus?

Of the flag he created, Gilbert said, "I thought a gay nation should have a flag...to proclaim its own idea of power."

Are my kids required to submit themselves and their religious convictions to a gay nation when they walk on campus?

Baker spoke of the flag he designed as a symbol for a "new revolution: a tribal, individualistic, and collective vision."

Would you force our children's submission to this sexual revolution by parading them beneath this flag in order to be educated?

If your answer is "yes" to these questions, then shame on you. If your answer is "no," then don't pursue an unnecessary and coercive display of this flag.

I'm tired of being ignored by you. I pray that you will choose not to display a flag that should not be raised over a public-school campus. You will answer for your decisions one day. Not to me, but to the one true judge. That should give you pause.

Thank you, and goodnight.