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Support "My Princess Boy" (or a similar book) at Nova

About this petition

By signing this petition you will let the School Climate Committee and Nova's School Board know that you support the reading of "My Princess Boy" or a similar book ("Jacob's New Dress", "Red") as part of our anti-bullying efforts and to remain compliant with Title IX and the recently passed Safe Schools law.

Signatures

1. Name: Lisa Kleingarn on 2015-11-10 19:23:31
Comments: I support the reading of this book or another similar book specifically addressing gender variance in support of Nova's gender variant students and their families.

2. Name: Robin Cerio on 2015-11-10 19:39:00
Comments:

3. Name: Kelly MacGregor on 2015-11-10 19:39:35
Comments:

4. Name: Katelyn Tschida on 2015-11-10 19:42:12
Comments:

5. Name: Marnie Blum on 2015-11-10 19:48:04
Comments:

6. Name: Lauren Dee on 2015-11-10 19:58:23
Comments: I support the reading of this book or another of a similar nature to the children in our school in recognition that there are children and families in our community who's differences are in need of support. Thank you.

7. Name: Beth Hawley on 2015-11-10 20:20:31
Comments:

8. Name: Susan Olshanski on 2015-11-10 20:34:36
Comments: I support reading this (or a similar book). A book provides the teachers with context to help draw the lines from theoretical to practical when discussing a vulnerable group of children.

9. Name: Naomi Kritzer on 2015-11-10 21:07:35
Comments:

10. Name: David Olshanski on 2015-11-10 21:09:10
Comments: I support the reading of "My Princess Boy" or similar book. Basically I support anything to raise awareness and tolerance of gender variance.

11. Name: David Olshanski on 2015-11-10 21:09:15
Comments: I support the reading of "My Princess Boy" or similar book. Basically I support anything to raise awareness and tolerance of gender variance.

12. Name: Todd Berg on 2015-11-10 21:15:48

Comments:

13. Name: Angela Whited on 2015-11-10 21:21:07
Comments:
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14. Name: Carter massey on 2015-11-10 21:32:00
Comments: I support using this book, or any viable tool, that can be used enable a safe learning environment for all students, especially those most vulnerable to harassment. - Carter
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15. Name: Dawn Ellerd on 2015-11-10 21:43:37
Comments: Clothes are just clothes. This seems to be a respectful, gentle tool to support and reinforce acceptance of everyone's differences.
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16. Name: Barbara Guth on 2015-11-10 21:46:39
Comments: Full support
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17. Name: Kimberly Dumitrica on 2015-11-10 22:03:26
Comments:
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18. Name: Julianna Hofeld on 2015-11-10 22:28:45
Comments:
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19. Name: Chris Hawley on 2015-11-11 00:10:48
Comments:
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20. Name: Josephine Chung on 2015-11-11 00:27:52
Comments: I fully support the reading of My Princess Boy or another book that specifically addresses gender non-conformity. A book is a useful and necessary tool for educating our children.
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21. Name: Kate Tetmeyer on 2015-11-11 00:33:25
Comments: I'm in support of supporting this child. I'm neutral on using this book, but, absolutely my children have had caring adults come into their classes at Nova to explain a fellow student's specialness (autism, seizure disorder) and while I wouldn't consider this a disorder, I think this situation has invited a level of awareness that requires a similar approach.
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22. Name: Tom Wedes on 2015-11-11 00:41:44
Comments: To think this is not a good idea for a child that is struggling is short sighted and a disservice to that child. I do not understand why anyone would be opposed to a book that may help a child, who may feel ostracized from the students. This is an opportunity for the school to educate. I fully support this book.
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23. Name: Leslie Stoy on 2015-11-11 00:42:22
Comments:
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24. Name: Amy Filo on 2015-11-11 00:42:34
Comments: Full support
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25. Name: Andy Filo on 2015-11-11 00:47:31
Comments:
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26. Name: Bridget Borell on 2015-11-11 00:49:55
Comments: I fully support the reading of My Princess Boy or another book that specifically addresses gender non-conformity. Books are a necessary tool for any elementary teacher to teach, support, and advocate for tolerance for all.
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27. Name: Mark Putaski on 2015-11-11 01:04:21
Comments:
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28. Name: Angela Penniman on 2015-11-11 01:39:42
Comments: If there is someone being bullied for any reason at Nova, we should expect our teachers to address it. Our family supports any tools that our teachers choose to help them teach tolerance and celebrate our differences.
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29. Name: Ruby Tetmeyer on 2015-11-11 01:44:27
Comments:
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30. Name: Catherine Graeve on 2015-11-11 01:53:59
Comments: Fully support this! Thank you.
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31. Name: Hannah Hoefs on 2015-11-11 02:00:58
Comments:
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32. Name: Alex Christensen on 2015-11-11 02:04:37
Comments:
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33. Name: Bella Horton on 2015-11-11 02:31:35
Comments:
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34. Name: Luke Westawker on 2015-11-11 02:51:55
Comments:
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35. Name: Laura Peters on 2015-11-11 03:02:09
Comments: The book doesn't really discuss any issue other than bullying. The kid wears a dress and likes girly things. He gets made fun of and feels sad. His parents love him for

who he is. End of story. It very well could be a story about a boy in a wheel chair or a girl with a learning disability. The difference, is that there is an actual CHILD at OUR SCHOOL, that is experiencing the same thing as the boy in the book. He is a sweet and innocent little boy who should have the right to be himself like every other child. Wouldn't this particular book (or a similar one) be beneficial for the staff to be able to use as a tool for helping children to put themselves in his shoes and hopefully show empathy and compassion instead of judgement and teasing? I think it would be a good start.

36. Name: Robin Johnson on 2015-11-11 03:05:16
Comments: I support Nova's use of this book. It is a platform to talk issues. At least one child in our community needs some help. It's the right thing to do.

37. Name: Caroline Behling-Hess on 2015-11-11 03:09:02
Comments:

38. Name: Boyd Johnson on 2015-11-11 03:23:02
Comments:

39. Name: Molly Burke on 2015-11-11 03:41:33
Comments: I support using this book to make Nova a more accepting place for gender-nonconforming students.

40. Name: Tammy Barbie on 2015-11-11 03:44:01
Comments: I fully support the use of this book, this child and anyone and everyone in their pursuit of happiness in a kind and respectful way.

41. Name: Shaun McClary on 2015-11-11 03:47:21
Comments:

42. Name: Steve Horton on 2015-11-11 03:50:20
Comments: Please continue the use of this book in your curriculum.

43. Name: Jamie Borell on 2015-11-11 03:55:07
Comments:

44. Name: MC Burke on 2015-11-11 03:57:41
Comments:

45. Name: Youn Choi on 2015-11-11 03:59:46
Comments:

46. Name: Marcel Hungs on 2015-11-11 04:11:00
Comments:

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47. Name: Aaron Cook on 2015-11-11 04:35:09
Comments: GSA represent!
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48. Name: Liza Sivriver on 2015-11-11 04:58:40
Comments: My school should be safe for all students. Educating students on difference and diversity is necessary for a rich academic experience.
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49. Name: Christian Ruas on 2015-11-11 04:59:38
Comments:
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50. Name: Isabella Granse on 2015-11-11 05:03:16
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51. Name: Miles Kramer on 2015-11-11 05:10:54
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52. Name: Amanda Simkhovich on 2015-11-11 05:14:43
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53. Name: Katie Erickson on 2015-11-11 05:16:35
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54. Name: Sam Silver on 2015-11-11 05:16:44
Comments:
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55. Name: Bella Rolland on 2015-11-11 05:29:21
Comments: It is Novas duty as a school with an increasing amount of diversity to encourage support of all people.
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56. Name: Kieran Gallagher on 2015-11-11 05:41:11
Comments:
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57. Name: Liza Michaeli on 2015-11-11 05:41:17
Comments: What is most egregious is that this is still an issue and that we persist in the denial of what ought to be self-evident.
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58. Name: Angela Wunderlich on 2015-11-11 05:44:10
Comments:
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59. Name: Allyson Appelbaum on 2015-11-11 05:55:10
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60. Name: Evan Peterson on 2015-11-11 06:16:32
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61. Name: Delaney Grundhauser on 2015-11-11 06:30:55
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62. Name: Katya Vorokhobova on 2015-11-11 09:34:33
Comments: It is disappointing that nova needs a petition to support diversity in the first place. All schools have an obligation to teach acceptance and understanding without question.
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63. Name: Aru Shiney-Ajay on 2015-11-11 10:00:47
Comments:
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64. Name: Olivia A. Hill on 2015-11-11 11:32:25
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65. Name: Michelle Granberg on 2015-11-11 12:10:54
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66. Name: Sasha Gekht on 2015-11-11 12:20:49
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67. Name: Sophie Blumenstock on 2015-11-11 12:32:42
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68. Name: Olivia Arco on 2015-11-11 12:45:11
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69. Name: Marie Lundgren on 2015-11-11 12:49:38
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70. Name: Sophia Cherif on 2015-11-11 13:10:18
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71. Name: Tim Straub on 2015-11-11 13:15:25
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72. Name: Lillie Horton on 2015-11-11 13:45:15
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73. Name: Hannah on 2015-11-11 13:46:56
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74. Name: Ellie Cruz-Krause on 2015-11-11 13:49:21
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75. Name: Orsolya Sárközi on 2015-11-11 13:51:01
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76. Name: Ellie Anderson on 2015-11-11 13:55:57
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77. Name: Charlotte Nash on 2015-11-11 14:06:29
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78. Name: Jessie McClary on 2015-11-11 14:10:02
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79. Name: Tyler Penniman on 2015-11-11 14:10:50
Comments:
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80. Name: Shelley Steingraeber on 2015-11-11 14:26:03
Comments: Books provide a framework for engaging discussion and building understanding.
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81. Name: Farhia on 2015-11-11 14:28:43
Comments:
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82. Name: David Kleingarn on 2015-11-11 14:38:34
Comments: I strongly support using My Princess Boy (or a similar book) in support of anti-bullying at Nova.
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83. Name: Skylar Strider on 2015-11-11 14:41:30
Comments:
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84. Name: Jeff Karelitz on 2015-11-11 14:48:08
Comments: Fully support this.
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85. Name: Michelle Anderson on 2015-11-11 14:53:55
Comments:
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86. Name: Rizwan Farooq Mian on 2015-11-11 14:55:42

Comments:

87. Name: Crow on 2015-11-11 14:58:04
Comments:

88. Name: Samantha Fischer on 2015-11-11 15:00:18
Comments: I fully support my daughter reading this book and learning from it.

89. Name: Bridget Erickson on 2015-11-11 15:04:36
Comments:

90. Name: Harrison Nelson on 2015-11-11 15:24:55
Comments: Every child should be safe to express their individuality and diversity should be viewed as a strength.
How many years can some people exist before they're allowed to be free!
Don't allow bigotry to infect this wonderful school.

91. Name: Grace on 2015-11-11 15:28:07
Comments:

92. Name: Ken Graeve on 2015-11-11 16:59:30
Comments:

93. Name: Robyn Ehrlich on 2015-11-11 17:36:03
Comments:

94. Name: Darcy Shields on 2015-11-11 18:01:17
Comments:

95. Name: David Faust on 2015-11-11 18:13:30
Comments:

96. Name: Jenni Marker-Johnson on 2015-11-11 18:20:37
Comments: Make all children welcome! Nova's teachers are well versed in offering conscientious, efficient and factual information on many subjects. Trust them to handle this situation in the same manner.

97. Name: Sara Knudsen on 2015-11-11 18:36:48
Comments: Any book that provides a better awareness for scholars to practice virtue should be utilized!

98. Name: Dani Riggs on 2015-11-11 19:20:19
Comments:

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99. Name: Rebecca Urbrock on 2015-11-11 19:32:38
Comments:
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100. Name: Diana Johnson on 2015-11-11 19:44:23
Comments: Given that our community is dealing with a real, not hypothetical, case of bullying based on non-conforming gender characteristics, and given that such intolerance has historically been tolerated by society, our students need to explicitly hear that students may not tease others for displaying non-conforming gender traits. A picture book, whether it is My Princess Boy or another title, is an ideal means for communicating that message to a young audience.
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101. Name: Heidi reynolds on 2015-11-11 19:57:17
Comments: There is absolutely no harm that can come from this message of acceptance and kindness. Please support!
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102. Name: Juan Hernandez Jr on 2015-11-11 20:15:55
Comments: I can think of nothing more fundamental for a public school immersed in the practice of classical virtues than for it to insure that all of its members of are fully welcome and protected within the learning community. If nothing else, it's probably good for us to recall that much of our traditional teaching on the virtues come from individuals and societies that differ radically from our own in terms of their construction of identity and lifestyle practices.
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103. Name: Pat Bodenstab on 2015-11-11 20:30:22
Comments: All children must be protected under the law. They must be loved and cared for however they come to us.
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104. Name: Seamus Hubbard Flynn on 2015-11-11 21:15:24
Comments: Let's promote acceptance, because it's 2015, and that year sounds like the future, so we better make it an ideal one.
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105. Name: Vanessa Lawrow on 2015-11-11 21:54:48
Comments: There are all kinds of people in this world. We are all better human beings when we remember that.
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106. Name: Kellene Hadrava on 2015-11-11 22:06:35
Comments: As a lesbian wife and mother to a newborn with Down Syndrome, I can't imagine my son growing up in a world that is not inclusive. Inclusiveness is a universal desire and for someone to elect not to be inclusive is a pretty narrow-minded decision. For those who chose that choice, I wish for them to reflect on a time in their lives where they were on the outside of something looking in (we've all been there at some time) and internalize how they felt and reconsider their decision to not be inclusive. Together we make the world a truly wonderful place; to someone who feels outside of that, the world is a harsh place.

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107. Name: Amanda Cook on 2015-11-11 22:11:28
Comments:
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108. Name: Max Ehrlich on 2015-11-11 23:07:04
Comments: We have the right to be who we want whether that's our gender or our opinion
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109. Name: Elizabeth Krohn on 2015-11-11 23:19:30
Comments: Every child should be welcomed with kindness and acceptance.
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110. Name: Ken Schlosser on 2015-11-11 23:29:55
Comments:
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111. Name: Cael LaPlante on 2015-11-12 00:57:18
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112. Name: Brian Bloomfield on 2015-11-12 01:05:34
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113. Name: Aidan Gleich on 2015-11-12 01:13:57
Comments:
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114. Name: Cris Nelson on 2015-11-12 01:22:21
Comments:
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115. Name: Chad Long on 2015-11-12 01:23:57
Comments:
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116. Name: Jensen Long Berg on 2015-11-12 01:33:04
Comments:
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117. Name: Anna Brailovsky on 2015-11-12 01:50:21
Comments: Without the virtues of tolerance and empathy, fortitude and perseverance are an exercise in self-congratulation, prudence turns to fear, and justice is downright impossible. I am deeply saddened by the necessity of this petition.
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118. Name: Margaret McCarney on 2015-11-12 01:57:28
Comments:
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119. Name: Jeff Knudsen on 2015-11-12 02:00:33
Comments: No person should be picked on for any reason. Everything should be done

to ensure that no one is made to feel excluded or less of a person for their choices in life. Our whole society is based on everyone being different yet we all exist as one whole.

120. Name: Andy Tetmeyer on 2015-11-12 02:27:21
Comments:

121. Name: Kathy Bigelow on 2015-11-12 02:42:27
Comments: I think you are selling your children short by not using this book as a teaching tool. My kindergarten granddaughter tells me that prudence is thinking about things and making good decisions. If this is true, why don't you allow a book to be the teaching tool it is. Listen to the children. They are much wiser than adults when it comes to fairness and empathy. I know this to be true because I taught first grade for 33 years.

122. Name: Charissa Bloom on 2015-11-12 03:34:57
Comments:

123. Name: Ruth Cohen on 2015-11-12 03:47:54
Comments:

124. Name: Hannah Edwards on 2015-11-12 03:58:50
Comments: Obviously most know this is about my child. However it is for all Nova students and will help Nova to become an even better place. Thank you to all who have supported.

125. Name: Amelia Hornseth on 2015-11-12 04:09:49
Comments:

126. Name: Liam J. Magistad on 2015-11-12 04:18:26
Comments:

127. Name: Lisa Cohen on 2015-11-12 04:20:20
Comments:

128. Name: Ashley Rick on 2015-11-12 04:20:50
Comments: Seriously people, it's 2015.

129. Name: Gustav Honl-Stuenkel on 2015-11-12 04:21:38
Comments: To uphold the highest virtue of justice

130. Name: Ashley Rick on 2015-11-12 04:21:46
Comments:

131. Name: Dave Edwards on 2015-11-12 04:46:50

Comments: While we are disappointed that a petition like this would be necessary, our family is extremely moved by this show of support. Our son, and all children, should be welcomed and accepted for who they are at a public school. These kind and welcoming comments help alleviate some of the pain caused by the hurtful comments made at last Monday's "Listening Session". It is nice to know we have support from other families in the Nova community! We absolutely support the reading of "My Princess Boy" or any other book that educates students about steps they can take to maintain a gender inclusive environment at Nova.

132. Name: Maria Schrater on 2015-11-12 04:54:32
Comments:

133. Name: Matt Peters on 2015-11-12 05:35:38
Comments:

134. Name: Andy Cerio on 2015-11-12 12:48:24
Comments:

135. Name: Larry Ehrlich on 2015-11-12 14:01:37
Comments: It boggles the mind that there are parents opposed to helping their children understand kindness toward others. I fully support your decision to read "My Princess Boy" to students at Nova.

136. Name: Katie Tuma on 2015-11-12 14:53:38
Comments:

137. Name: Linda Knudsen on 2015-11-12 17:16:44
Comments:

138. Name: Al Knudsen on 2015-11-12 17:25:58
Comments:

139. Name: Ben Bigelow on 2015-11-12 17:29:42
Comments: I fully support this book and also believe only good will come from it. That compassion is a learned skill and through this lives could potentially be benefitted.

140. Name: Blaine Brownell on 2015-11-12 17:49:18
Comments:

141. Name: Amber Tritabaugh on 2015-11-13 12:19:34
Comments:

142. Name: Jeffrey austin on 2015-11-13 13:07:16
Comments: Supportive of the idea although I would explore other books as well. Good

luck.

143. Name: Al Knudsen on 2015-11-13 14:49:37
Comments:

144. Name: Julia Elkina Ehrlich on 2015-11-13 20:00:11
Comments:

145. Name: Sharon Dalmasso on 2015-11-13 20:12:48
Comments: Understanding of others can only be achieved by learning. Therefore, I fully support the reading of "My Princess Boy" to the students of Nova.

146. Name: Traian Dumitrica on 2015-11-14 03:18:39
Comments:

147. Name: Ben Granberg on 2015-11-14 04:40:19
Comments:

148. Name: Hannah Sheridan on 2015-11-14 05:30:53
Comments:

149. Name: Patricia McClary on 2015-11-14 16:00:36
Comments:

150. Name: Justine Nelson on 2015-11-16 15:01:50
Comments:

151. Name: Marlo Corletto on 2015-11-16 20:55:56
Comments: My purpose in signing this petition is to create a safe and loving world by teaching others to be supportive and honest . Also, in signing this I want to support the first part of the Nova mission statement which is to have a supportive community. Thank you!

152. Name: Tara-Lee Harris on 2015-11-17 11:08:50
Comments:
