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A new school increases options for GLBTQ Students and Families worldwide!

GLBTQ Online High School will be launched in the fall of 2009 to provide a safe and welcoming educational community for students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning their sexual orientation. The school will provide a private high quality, comprehensive college-preparatory online high school experience using the best technology and techniques of distance education.

A recent survey released by GLSEN, The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, provides these statistics:

A Hostile School Climate and the Effects on Academic Achievement:

- 86.2% of LGBT students reported being verbally harassed, 44.1% reported being physically harassed and 22.1% reported being physically assaulted at school in the past year because of their sexual orientation.
- 73.6% heard derogatory remarks such as “faggot” or “dyke” frequently or often at school.
- More than half (60.8%) of students reported that they felt unsafe in school because of their sexual orientation, and more than a third (38.4%) felt unsafe because of their gender expression.
- 31.7% of LGBT students missed a class and 32.7% missed a day of school in the past month because of feeling unsafe, compared to only 5.5% and 4.5%, respectively, of a national sample of secondary school students.
- The reported grade point average of students who were more frequently harassed because of their sexual orientation or gender expression was almost half a grade lower than for students who were less often harassed (2.8 versus 2.4).

<http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/news/record/2340.html>, accessed 24 November 2008

The GLBTQ Online High School will allow students to progress and excel academically without concern about a negative climate. In addition to highly qualified teachers and a college-preparatory curriculum, the school will provide student support services, a parent support community, and social opportunities that will network students and families across national and international boundaries.

The private, non-profit, tuition-based high school will serve students grades 9-12. Currently, we are seeking corporate and financial sponsors to support the project and build an endowment that will provide financial assistance for students and families who might not otherwise be able to afford this opportunity.

Please visit the website at www.glbqtqonlinehighschool.com or contact David Glick for further information.

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