

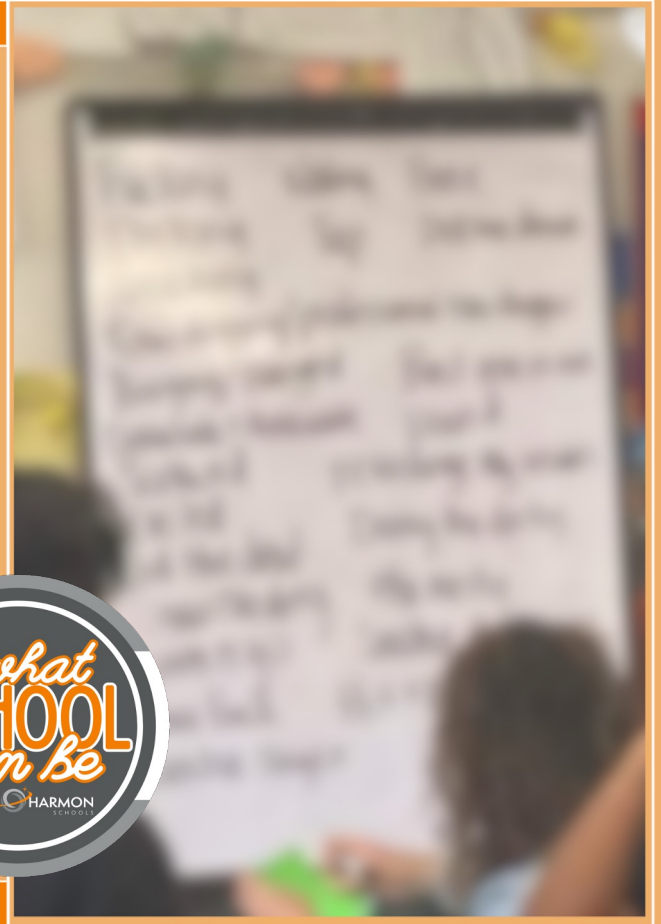
HEALTH CURRICULUM:

“RADICAL SEX INDOCTRINATION”

at Croton-Harmon High School?



PRESENTED BY STEVE WALKER & DR. LAURA DUBAK



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[NBC Report Link](#)



EDUCATION

NY gubernatorial candidate shares 'dirty words' he doesn't want in sex education classrooms

New York State does not require schools to teach sex education — one of only 17 states with no mandate as of 2021.

Gary Stern

Rockland/Westchester Journal News

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Rob Astorino, running for the Republican nomination for governor, talks about "radical sex indoctrination" in high schools on June 14, 2022. Peter Carr, Rockland/Westchester Journal News

The late comedian George Carlin rose to fame in 1972 with his bit on "seven dirty words" you couldn't say on television.

On Tuesday — 50 years later — Republican gubernatorial hopeful Rob Astorino trotted out a list of dirty words that he believes shouldn't be taught in New York's schools.

Westchester School District Defends Controversial Sex Ed Lesson

Republican gubernatorial candidate Rob Astorino said "several" parents of students at the school contacted him saying it is not acceptable for such things to be shared in a classroom

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Some say that the lesson crossed a line, while others (including the school itself) believe it's an essential conversation that needs to be had among teens. NBC New York's Lynda Baquero reports.

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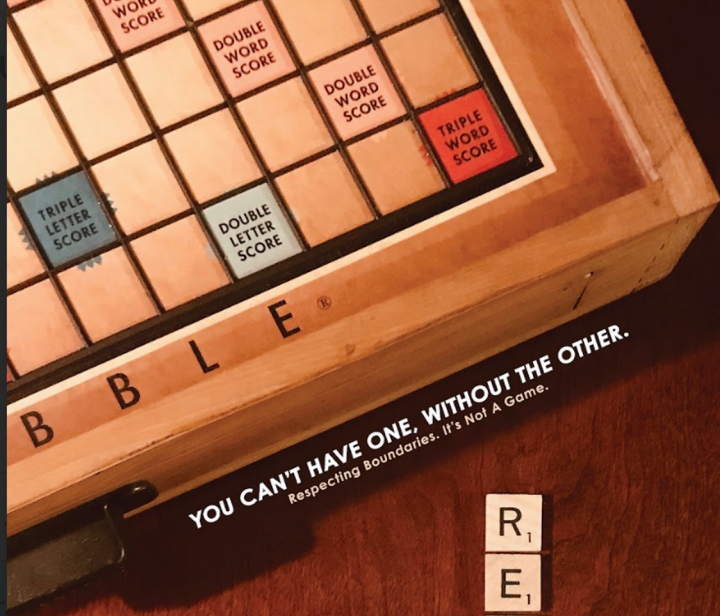
Ending Campus Sexual Violence

A NASPA Initiative

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A Conversation about **Teen Dating Violence**
with Hope's Door and My Sisters' Place

Maya Lloyd (she/her) Hope's Door
Jay Tyler (they/he) My Sisters' Place

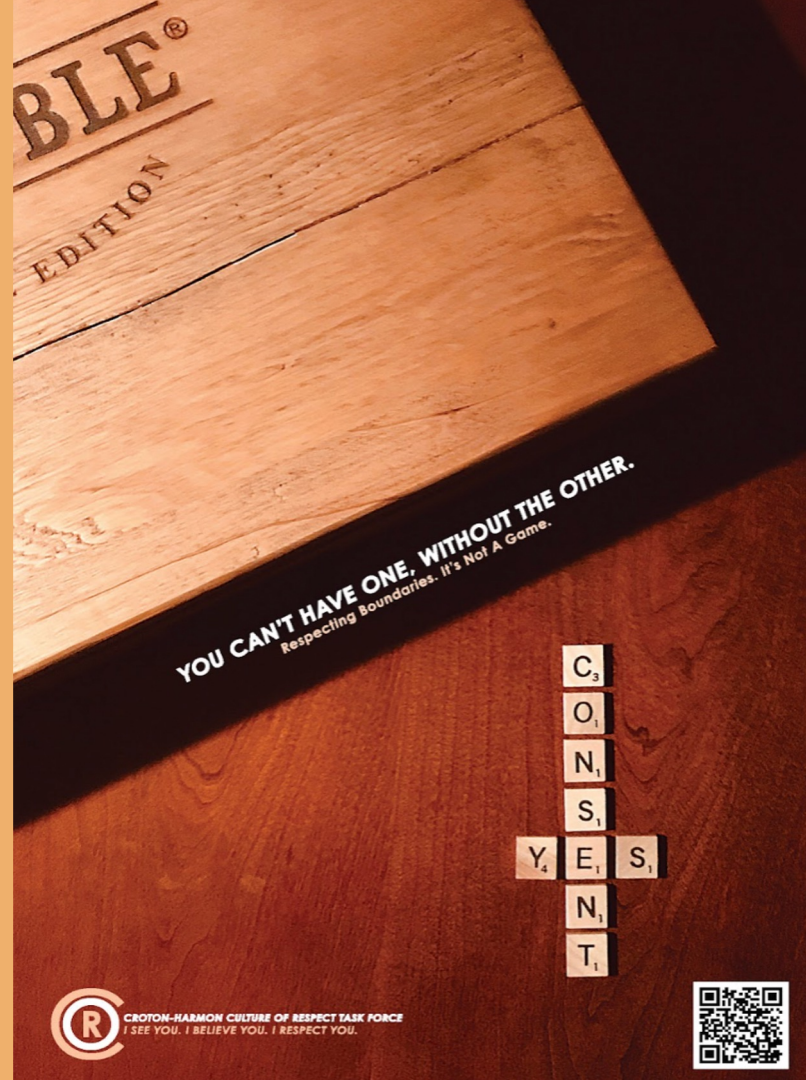


YOU CAN'T HAVE ONE, WITHOUT THE OTHER.
Respecting boundaries. It's Not A Game.



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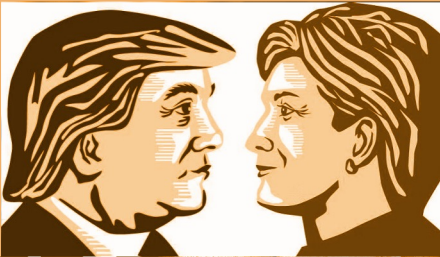
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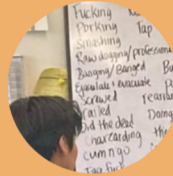
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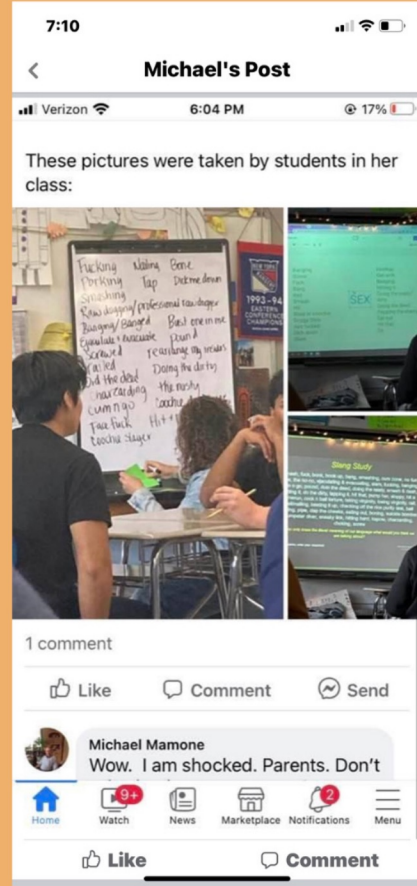
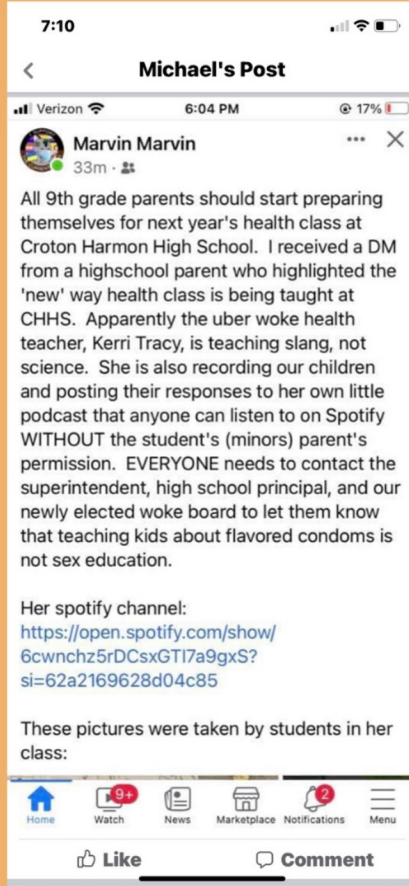
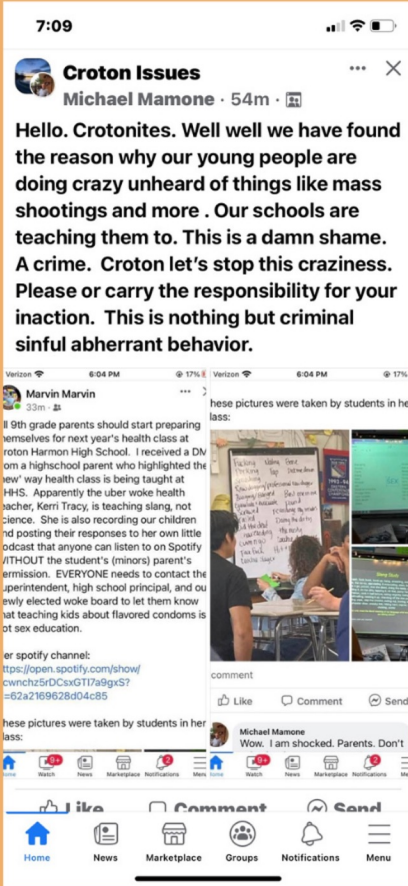


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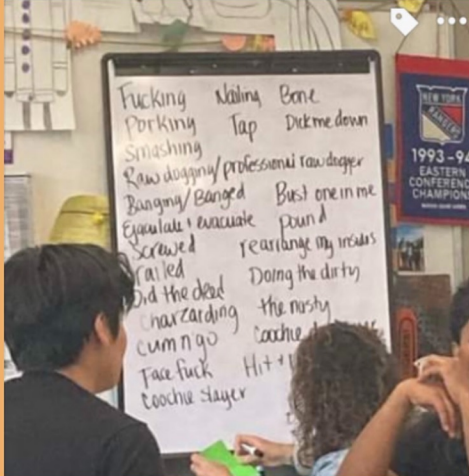
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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

RADICAL SEX INDOCTRINATION IN HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOMS — INCLUDING TEACHING KIDS ABOUT SETTING FIRE TO FEMALE GENITALIA AS A SEX ACT — WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A NEWS CONFERENCE HELD BY NEW YORK GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE ROB ASTORINO AND A GROUP OF OUTRAGED PARENTS FROM THE CROTON-HARMON SCHOOL DISTRICT ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14, AT 1:00 PM IN FRONT OF CROTON-HARMON HIGH SCHOOL AT 36 OLD POST RD SOUTH, CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NY.

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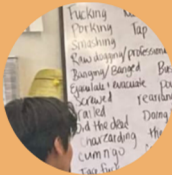
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**Astorino held a
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Community Messaging

June 14, 2022

Dear Croton-Harmon Community:

Today, gubernatorial candidate Rob Astorino held a press conference in front of CHHS in which he made a statement about what he believes should and should not be taught in Health Education classes in New York State. He specifically referenced one lesson from our high school, calling it "inappropriate." Mr. Astorino has not contacted the district for background or context, and I would like to provide that to you now.

There are many factors that go into curriculum planning, including teaching standards, best practices, teacher professional development, responsiveness to students, and reflection of current events. Many may not be aware that some aspects of our Health curriculum were developed several years ago after some school district students were involved in a reported off-campus sexual assault. In the aftermath of that situation, the district formed our Culture of Respect Task Force, which continues to be active with participation from parents, students, and community members. At that time, the district also engaged with professionals in the area of mental health and health education to design relevant learning experiences, with the goal of updating how our Health curriculum addresses consent and sexual health.

One of those learning experiences begins with a discussion about consent, including the nuanced and sensitive language around that topic. Students are then asked to anonymously generate words or phrases they have heard or used related to sexual activity, some of which depict potentially unhealthy dynamics about sex. The individual words and phrases shared by the students are not defined within the class; instead, there is a discussion about the overall connotation of these terms, and the importance of using respectful language around this sensitive topic. This and related learning experiences have been implemented over the past several years and are documented on our district's curriculum maps, which are available on our website for public viewing. In addition to these activities' alignment with the national standards and State guidance, they have been presented as examples to professionals throughout the state at a conference of the New York Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Learning experiences such as this one are important for our students. We also trust and stand firmly behind our highly trained, dedicated, and passionate professionals in their facilitation of these experiences.

If you have any questions about this communication, please feel free to contact me directly.

Community Support

Dear Members of the CHUFSD BOE,

As a parent of a student from the graduating class of 2021 and as a former member of the Culture of Respect Task Force Committee, I want to take a moment to extend my sincere gratitude to Kerri Tracy for her dedication to her students and her care in providing a safe and brave space for students to receive accurate information and engage in important conversation about real life topics.

Her dedication to her students was apparent during my years on the task force committee and her willingness to take on challenging topics to minimize the reoccurrence of an incident of sexual violence in the Croton Harmon School District that led to the creation of the Culture of Respect task force in the first place is commendable. She should be thanked by all the members of the Croton community for her service.

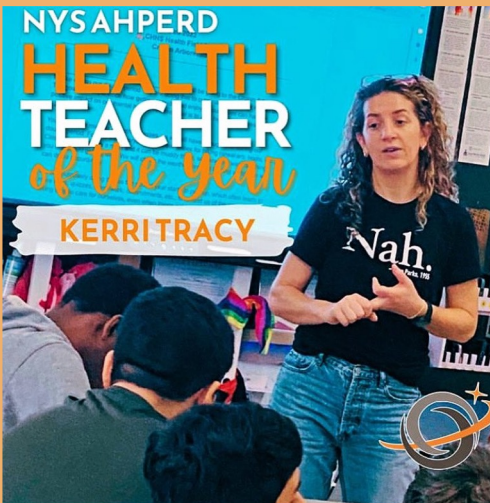
Despite the impression Mr. Astorino tried to convey in his press conference today that "vulgar" topics in school lead to problematic behavior in students - it is quite the opposite. All too often schools are one of the few places where students can get information that can help them make thoughtful decisions.

Thank you all for your continued service in these challenging times.

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CHHS STUDENT ACTIVISM CLUB & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CLUB

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

THURSDAY APRIL 27TH at 6:30 PM
MEET at 5 CORNERS. RALLY at VASSALLO PARK

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MARCH & RALLY IN
SOLIDARITY AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE



Lasting Impacts

CHHS HEALTH ED PODCAST

A photograph of a tiger lying down in a dark, naturalistic setting.

The CTA values the voices and needs of all students and staff as an essential part of progress and equity.
#connect #empower #build

A stylized portrait of Malala Yousafzai wearing a colorful headscarf.

MALALA YOUSAFZAI

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

Showing of Malala's Ted Talk on 3/13, 6:30 in the community room! In addition, there will also be a menstrual product drive, where anyone can donate!

A graphic showing various menstrual products like pads, tampons, and a menstrual cup.

Thank you.