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Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee: Fabian Fondriest, Maureen Spada, Pamela Gannon, Peter Fischelis, Jerry Wedge, Bill Fink, Louis Salemy Correspondence mailed to home addresses.

Dear School Committee Members:

Please note the enclosed letter of concern recently e-mailed to Superintendent Rigby, pertaining to last year's production of "Falsettos." The Rabbinical Alliance of America, representing more than 850 Rabbis, has officially condemned the play for its defamation of Jews and sexual depravity. I wish to request this issue be scheduled for discussion at the December 14 regional school committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the CCHS Library.

I have included a DVD copy of the play for your review. Please note the highlights of this play at the end of Rabbi Levin's letter. Besides the defamation of Jews, the play creatively tells students that sodomy is worth the price of AIDS and death. This conflicts with the school district's commitments to nondiscrimination and helping students lead healthy lives.

"Falsettos" has had a lasting, deleterious effect upon impressionable students. Superintendent Rigby made sure it was mentioned in a newspaper insert celebrating Concord's 375th Anniversary (see "Graduate explains why C-C is special"). If the school faculty and administration truly cared for our children, why would they endorse a play which brutally offends Jews and encourages agonizing deaths?

Please note the enclosed letter which I hand-delivered to Ms. Rigby on December 1, 2009. Attached to that letter were excerpts from songs sung in "Falsettos." Ms. Rigby told me she was aware of the [depraved] lyrics.

In view of the damage this play has inflicted upon our community, I wish to request the school committee consider the following:

- 1. Disciplinary action against those responsible for the production of "Falsettos" Peter Atlas, Principal Badalament, Superintendent Rigby, and any other employee of the school district.
- 2. Issue a letter of apology to the Rabbinical Alliance of America.
- 3. If the school committee refuses the above requests, then it has a responsibility to publicly explain how "Falsettos" fosters commitment, citizenship, harmony, and

scholarship, in addition to complying with Massachusetts General Laws: Chapter 71, Section 30 (see below).

Thank you for your cooperation in addressing this matter. I look forward to a phone call confirming its scheduling for a school committee meeting on December 14.

Sincerely,

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Chapter 71, Section 30: The president, professors and tutors of the university at Cambridge and of the several colleges, all preceptors and teachers of academies and all other instructors of youth shall exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction the principles of piety and justice and a sacred regard for truth, love of their country, humanity and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded; and they shall endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above mentioned virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution and secure the blessings of liberty as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices.

cc: Concord Journal, Carlisle Mosquito