

*Mission Statement. The NEA-GLC, in order to eliminate institutional discrimination and homophobia, monitors and participates in the development of NEA policies and activities, provides resources and fosters better communication among educators, students and communities.*



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To Whom It May Concern:

This past July, I had the opportunity to view a new documentary entitled: "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium". It was shown at the annual dinner of the National Education Association Gay and Lesbian Caucus (NEA-GLC) and was extremely well received by all who saw it.

The NEA-GLC believes that this film can play an important role in helping to educate students around the nation about the need to let go of hate and embrace the wonderful diversity that surrounds them at school and throughout their communities. The tragic and senseless violence that has occurred in our schools over the past few years should serve as a wake up call to parents and educators. Many of these brutal acts have taken place because of taunting and name calling that leads to isolation and sometimes to violent acts of rage. "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium" addresses these issues and encourages discussion on how these situations can be eliminated from our campuses.

We further endorse and support the use of this documentary because it addresses a most serious and often times ignored issue: discrimination and violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. This "silent minority" suffers verbal assaults and even physical attacks within our schools on a daily basis. "Journey" explores homophobia and encourages the viewers to discuss their prejudices and fears about the topic realizing that discussion is often the first step toward changing attitudes as well as behaviors.

The National Education Association Gay and Lesbian Caucus is pleased to give its endorsement to this wonderful documentary and hopes that it can make its way into every high school in the nation. Our students have much to gain from its message.

Sincerely,

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