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Ms. Donna Orem
President
National Association of Independent Schools
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Dear President Orem:

"Private schools across the country are training teachers to expose kids as young as four years old to sexually explicit content—in secrecy and without parents' knowledge—directed by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) as part of 'queer-inclusive' curriculum."

That is the opening sentence of a Breitbart.com article published on February 16, 2022 (see enclosed). What follows, if true, is very disturbing. Indeed, it smacks of sexual engineering, not sex education.

I am writing to you in my capacity as president of the nation's largest Catholic civil rights organization. Many Catholic parents, and I would assume many who are not Catholic, would find what is said in this article to be highly objectionable. They have every right to know whether the article is accurate. This is especially so given that the NAIS "Public Policy Position on Educational Accountability" explicitly says that "Schools are accountable to their parents and students."

Please let me know if this news story is accurate and, if it is, how you would answer critics of this initiative. I don't think I need to spell out what the nature of those criticisms might be—that should be axiomatic.

In fairness to you, I will not at this time seek to rally Catholics to protest what NAIS has allegedly decided to do. I look forward to your response; it will certainly affect my next move.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William A. Donohue". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.

President

cc: NAIS Board of Trustees