

**Subject:** Fwd: Detransition Awareness Day  
**From:** [REDACTED]@ewsd.org>  
**Date:** 02/07/2023, 6:53 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@ewsd.org>

Here is [REDACTED] response.

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**From:** [REDACTED] gmail.com>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 6, 2023 at 5:41 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Detransition Awareness Day  
**To:** [REDACTED]@ewsd.org>

For your and anyone else's need to hear this: No one with compassion will deny that some people experience transition regret. What you said is good. I would also add the following.

The detransition awareness narrative and the literature that this person offered as 'evidence' is not scientifically based nor is detransition as common as folks want others to believe it is. Folks (often TERFS) will claim that society, peer groups, and even doctors are forcing people to transition rather than experience the discomfort of puberty or that these people are following a fad. This is a dangerous narrative that hurts efforts to get transgender people the affirming care they need and the most important thing we can do for transgender people and youth is to meet their mental health needs. Also, often people who are talking about their detransition may be doing so after being subjected to conversion therapy or are being propped up by organizations that don't support transgender people. Also, some folks who chose to "detransition" are still in fact transgender but are questioning their use of hormones or wondering if a new/different pronoun is a better choice. That's the thing about being trans: It's a personal journey. Complicated and painful at times, but a journey that varies from person to person.

A better look at the nuance of gender would be to look at [Intersex Awareness Day](#). About 1 out of 1500-2000 births result in an atypical genitalia. More are born with internal reproductive discrepancies and unrecognized sex chromosomes and hormone differences that don't align with gender binary. This unfortunately means doctors and parents make legal and medical (sometimes irreversible) changes to a child to force them into a gender box without their consent. Folks who are intersex will likely be assigned a binary gender label, but it's important to acknowledge and support the fact that may have been wrong. In that case we need to center the voices of folks who may need to transition to their true identity. If detransition awareness was truly a celebration of gender identity in all of its nuance we would view it in the same way the equity policy celebrates those marginalized voices who are often silenced.

However, the movement this person is suggesting we recognize brings us away from that and centers and celebrates cisgender identities as the ideal identity and we don't agree with that.

On Mon, Feb 6, 2023 at 4:07 PM [REDACTED] ewsd.org> wrote:

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**From:** [REDACTED] ewsd.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 6, 2023 at 10:43 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Detransition Awareness Day  
**To:** [REDACTED] ewsd.org>

Thoughts on this response--I should probably grab a quick consult which I can do too.

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for reaching out. Those people who transition genders in any direction are recognized on national coming out day as well as during Pride month. We would, of course, support someone transitioning in any direction. Centering transitioning gender as damaging does not align with the EWSD Equity Policy's requirement of being LGBTQIA+ affirming. This particular frame on gender transition -- moving from a trans status to a status of gender assigned at birth because of damage done -- is not something we would center. Instead, we would support any person transitioning for any reason through the current days and structures we recognize and be supportive of their transition by recognizing the gender to which they identify.

Best,



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Dear EWSD Board and Administration,

The EWSD calendar is full of noted days for special celebration including, for example, Aztec New Year on 3-12-23 and QingMing Festival on 4-5-23; there are literally scores of special days noted on the calendar.

I'm writing to request that Detransition Awareness Day on March 12 be added to that calendar. I'm also asking that it be noted within the school public in some way: a sign added to a bulletin board, pamphlet posted on a wall, a book such as *Irreversible Damage* by Abigail Shrier on an easel atop the shelves in the HS library.

Within the framework of equity and inclusion, those who choose to reverse course on the current prevalent narrative should be celebrated. It is a lonely path since it travels uphill against the downhill slippery slope, but students in this marginalized group deserve our support.

Thank you for your attention.



<https://www.internationaldays.co/event-kids/detransition-awareness-day/r/rec7jCpYczq1j738Q>

<https://www.detransawareness.org>

[https://www.amazon.com/Irreversible-Damage-Transgender-Seducing-Daughters-ebook/dp/B07YL6XK55/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?gclid=Cj0KCQiA54KfBhCKARIsAJzSrdpVbl4AOTdx\\_CtPpXwbvOHPCGkWIP9qP\\_k2Y8E9LVa6aCTY\\_ZoQQOMaAjEpEALw\\_wcB&hvadid=477525235365&hvdev=c&hvlocphy=9003006&hvnetw=g&hvqmt=e&hvrnd=12744262130241233402&hvtargid=kwd-1033150246705&hydadcrc=22592\\_10356144&keywords=irreversible+damage+transgender&qid=1675686776&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Irreversible-Damage-Transgender-Seducing-Daughters-ebook/dp/B07YL6XK55/ref=sr_1_1?gclid=Cj0KCQiA54KfBhCKARIsAJzSrdpVbl4AOTdx_CtPpXwbvOHPCGkWIP9qP_k2Y8E9LVa6aCTY_ZoQQOMaAjEpEALw_wcB&hvadid=477525235365&hvdev=c&hvlocphy=9003006&hvnetw=g&hvqmt=e&hvrnd=12744262130241233402&hvtargid=kwd-1033150246705&hydadcrc=22592_10356144&keywords=irreversible+damage+transgender&qid=1675686776&sr=8-1)

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