

**Subject:** Re: Request

**From:** [REDACTED]@ewsd.org>

**Date:** 03/15/2023, 4:34 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

**BCC:** [REDACTED] ewsd.org

Hi [REDACTED],

We would not add a day to the calendar where the underlying narrative or content of the day points at others in harmful ways based on identity or for existing in the first place. So, for example, conversion therapy, stories of trans rights creating harm and causing people to become trans, and access to information about trans folks being the reason that someone cites their original transition and their need to detransition is harmful toward the trans community are common regarding detransition day, which is why I would not add this day.

I have denied other days for similar reasons.

If the narrative around detransition day were a genuine celebration or recognition of folks who are detransitioning without pointing toward others as harmful for creating representation and equal rights for trans folks, I would see this differently. The standard is this: Harm toward others based on identity is against our policy.

I hope that helps you gain a better understanding.

I see a real issue in access to medical care for those detransitioning, and we would support students who were transitioning for any reason quite similarly. I am concerned about the stories people are reporting about being denied medical care related to a decision to transition back to their gender assigned at birth.

When we have students who detransition, we give them access to trusted adults; we would shift names and pronouns in our system. We also seek to ensure that they are supported based on their own individual needs rather than the expectations of others, including family members. Each case is different, and I also want to be responsive to what individual needs are presented. We have had students shift back to the gender assigned at birth, which has not seemed to create a substantial challenge in most cases. The challenge of coming out as trans and shifting to a person's gender rather than the gender assigned at birth has presented a higher level of need for support generally. That said, if a transition back to the gender assigned at birth were taking place that required a great deal of help, we would be there for that as well.

Best,

[REDACTED]

On Sun, Mar 12, 2023 at 6:59 PM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for your response. I have some more questions, but I feel more comfortable discussing

them over email. Could you expand on your explanation regarding harm and framing, with some examples? I am curious about this as well-If Detrans Awareness Day (DAD) is harming the trans community, does Trans Awareness Day (TAD) harm the cisgender community? Isn't it the same relationship? Also, what do you think is the purpose of DAD? Lastly, I am so happy to know that you support detransitioners. Their stories are extremely difficult and should be heard as well. What are some ways you can support them? Thank you again,

[REDACTED]

On Wed, Mar 8, 2023 at 8:46 AM [REDACTED]@ewsd.org> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

I am sorry for the delay in getting back to you based on your request to [REDACTED] about Detransition Day.

Because of the framing and purpose of this day, we will not be adding it to the EWSD calendar. Please let me know if you would like to talk more about that. There is harm to the trans community in the way the day is framed. Supporting trans rights and providing representation for trans folks does not cause detransition circumstances; that is how this day is framed. We do certainly want to support those who are detransitioning and are able and ready to do just that based on needs.

Again, please let me know if you want to connect.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
 Date: Tue, Feb 7, 2023 at 9:23 AM  
 Subject: adding to the calendar  
 To: <[REDACTED]@ewsd.org>

Hello!

[REDACTED] gave me your email address as a contact to add a celebration to the school calendar. Please add World Detrans Awareness Day, which is held each year on March 12th. Thank you kindly,

[REDACTED]

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