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**Joint statement from Gay-Straight Alliance Network, the [RYSE Center](#)<sup>[1]</sup>, [Transgender Law Center](#)<sup>[2]</sup>, and the [Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County](#)<sup>[3]</sup> in response to Hercules High School incident**

UPDATE: In light of recent reports, our hearts continue to go out to the youth and his family. We take very seriously every story about any student not being safe and supported. We understand violence and issues of safety are pervasive problems in West Contra Costa Unified School District, and we share the district's stated goal of ensuring all students are able to learn and thrive in a safe, compassionate, and welcoming environment. We continue our strong commitment to all students, and our open invitation to partner with the district to create a positive school environment remains.

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Gay-Straight Alliance Network (GSA Network) is a national youth leadership organization that empowers youth activists to fight homophobia and transphobia in schools by training student leaders and supporting student-led Gay-Straight Alliance clubs throughout the country. GSA Network operates the GSA Network of California and the National Association of GSA Networks, which unites 37 statewide networks of GSA clubs.

[www.gsanetwork.org](http://www.gsanetwork.org) <sup>[4]</sup>

RYSE creates safe spaces grounded in social justice that build youth power for young people to love, learn, educate, health and transform lives and communities. [www.rysecenter.org/](http://www.rysecenter.org/) <sup>[1]</sup>

Transgender Law Center works to change law, policy, and attitudes so that all people can live safely, authentically, and free from discrimination regardless of their gender identity or expression. [www.transgenderlawcenter.org/](http://www.transgenderlawcenter.org/) <sup>[5]</sup>

The Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County envisions a society that embraces acceptance, safety and equality for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

[www.rainbowcc.org/](http://www.rainbowcc.org/) [6]

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### Links

[1] <http://www.rysecenter.org/>

[2] <http://transgenderlawcenter.org/>

[3] <http://rainbowcc.org/>

[4] <https://gsanetwork.org/>

[5] <http://www.transgenderlawcenter.org/>

[6] <http://www.rainbowcc.org/>