

Pro-Family School Risk Audit released on eve of "Day of Silence"

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Groups Endorse 'School Risk Audit' To Expose 'Gay' Agenda in Schools

CWA is part of coalition urging parents to use new survey to alert their communities.

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Are your local schools promoting homosexuality?

There's a new way to find out.

A coalition of pro-family groups is urging parents to do a "School Risk Audit" to determine whether and how the schools have become conduits for homosexual activism.

Concerned Women for America (CWA) has joined with Mission America, American Family Association, Family Research Council, Citizens for Community Values, Eagle Forum, Americans for Truth, Exodus Mandate, and several state-based organizations (see end of article) to recommend a "School Risk Audit" inspired by a resolution passed in 2005 by the Southern Baptist Convention and developed by [Mission America](#) President Linda Harvey.

Parents can [download](#) the audit form and use any portion they wish or the entire document. The Audit includes recommendations for parental action in the wake of the survey, such as how to alert school authorities and how to issue a press release.

The release of the School Risk Audit has been timed to [counter homosexual activists' promotion](#) of the 10th annual occurrence of "The Day of Silence," in which students in kindergarten through college are encouraged to stay silent all day in support of "gay kids." The Day of Silence, which proponents claim will be observed in more than 4,000 schools nationwide, is slated for Wednesday, April 26.

On Thursday, April 27, Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) will stage its second annual ["Day of Truth,"](#) which encourages students to share the truth about homosexuality and its consequences, and why "gay activism" poses a threat to the freedoms of speech, assembly and religion.

According to the ADF Web site:

"Students are encouraged to wear T-shirts and pass out cards (not during class time) with the following message:

I am speaking the Truth to break the silence.

Silence isn't freedom. It's a constraint.

Truth tolerates open discussion, because the Truth emerges when healthy discourse is allowed.

By proclaiming the Truth in love, hurts will be halted, hearts will be healed, and lives will be saved.

Last year, students in 350 schools participated, and ADF said many more are expected to join the campaign this Thursday.

As for the School Risk Audit, parents are urged to share it with friends, neighbors and fellow churchgoers.

"It's a good way to determine quickly if your school has knowingly or unknowingly let homosexual activists and materials in the door under the radar of 'diversity' or 'anti-bullying' or 'AIDS education,'" said Patricia Phillips, CWA's Virginia State Director.

"I'd go even further and ask our Bible-believing clergy to step up to the pulpit and clearly inform their congregations about the radical homosexual agenda, explain to them the Biblical sanctity of marriage, and have the risk assessment tool available to them," said CWA of Illinois Acting Director Karen Hayes. "At such a time of uncertainty in our culture, I'm especially grateful to pastors, Bible teachers, and church officials who take the lead on the important Biblical issues of our day."

The audit can be downloaded and used in its entirety, or people can use just the portions they are comfortable undertaking.

Last June, attendees at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention approved a resolution authored by Dr. Voddie Baucham and Bruce Shortt that warned of increased homosexual promotion in schools and urged parents and churches to examine their local school districts for evidence of this trend. The Southern Baptists, the largest Protestant denomination in the United States, have also provided a Sunday School lesson plan on homosexuality based on the Bible and current science.

Meanwhile, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) is moving ahead with its Day of Silence and other pro-homosexual school programs, and is using the popular MySpace.com computer program to enlist kids by sending them e-mails telling how to spread the word about the Day of Silence.

"I'm glad we finally have a tool like the Risk Audit to help counter this onslaught," said CWA of Illinois' Mrs. Hayes.

Other organizations taking part in the audit promotion are Eagle Forum of Alabama, American Family Association of Pennsylvania, American Family Association of Michigan, Illinois Family Institute, Texas Eagle Forum and Ohio Eagle Forum.

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