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**Attachments:** StevensonStudentGuidebook2019-20.pdf, NewTrierIntimidationHarrasmentBullyingPolicy.pdf, D113 policy to prevent bullying, intimidation and harrassment.pdf

Dear School Board, Dr. Holland and Mr. Simeck,

Following my talk last night I am following up with a copy of what I prepared to say as well as copies of 4 other school districts policies on Intimidation, Harassment and Bullying. I hope you will consider implementing these to give LFHS staff the possibility of denying clubs that are making others feel intimidated.

Lake Forest High School should be inclusionary and stand for tolerance of everyone.

Best Regards

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Dear School Board, Dear Dr. Holland, Dear Mr. Simeck,

First of all I would like to thank you Dr. Holland for all you do for our children and for supporting your students in a meaningful Veterans Day honoring today.

When the conservative club started at LFHS I was at first torn. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade I joined Conservative Youth, much to my parents dismay. Political clubs were never part of the school and I kept my politics to myself probably because I knew that most of my school friends just would roll their eyes at my views and tell me to grow a heart. I believe that we should not have political clubs at our school as they easily cause division and exclusion.

When the conservative club became a YAF chapter I was shocked. I perceive YAF and their rhetorics as divisive, hateful, misleading and misguided. The National YAF leadership's extreme affiliations makes it even more difficult for me to understand why we would allow such a group to influence our students.

This school year I have heard about a freshman student coming home crying

because she was called unpatriotic when she refused to accept a little 9-11 badge, I have heard about friendships being torn over this club, I have heard about students with minority background being excluded from their friendship groups, clubs or even a sports teams social events because suddenly all their friends only wants to do YAF events.

Psychologists in America and Europe warns that victims of racism and hate language are much more likely to suffer depression, anxiety and suicide.

I am not a lawyer and I understand that the school has been under outside pressure to accept this particular club. I am grateful that you tried to balance it by also eventually allowing a democratic club. However, I do believe that LFHS is better than this. I believe with proper rules about intimidation, harassment and bullying such as they have in Deerfield HS, Highland Park High School, Stevenson HS and New Trier, LFHS would have been better prepared to prevent a club that are spreading fear, sadness and sleepless nights among many in this community.

I ask you Board to support Dr. Holland and to implement similar policies so we can create and secure an inclusive positive environment at LFHS.