

TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Brimfield Brookfield Holland Sturbridge Wales

CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC LETTER—2021-2022

August 31, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

An important goal of Tantasqua is to help prepare students for intelligent and conscientious participation as citizens in our democratic society. In accordance with our district Controversial Topics Policy, we are writing to inform you that some topics or discussions that arise in our advisory program may be deemed controversial, as they may be viewed as “problems, subjects or questions about which there are significant differences in opinion, for which there are no easy resolutions and discussion of which generally creates strong feelings among people.” These issues vary and may include but are not limited to bullying, community, economic and sociological climate and times, character education, personal growth, and physical and mental health. The goal of these discussions is to “introduce students to reasoned and dispassionate approaches to the analysis of contemporary social and political issues.”

Please sign the letter below and have your child return the letter to the school by Thursday, September 2, 2021 as acknowledgement of receipt. If you have concerns or would like your child to opt out of specific lessons regarding advisory curriculum, please contact Interim Principal Leigh Joseph at josephl@tantasqua.org or by phone at 508-347-9301.

Sincerely,

Leigh Joseph, Interim Principal

Student Name (PRINT): _____ YOG: 20

_____ I have received this letter and understand that Advisory may include discussions that may be deemed “controversial.”

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

_____ I have concerns and understand that it is my responsibility as parent/guardian to contact Interim Principal Joseph to discuss these concerns.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

All students, regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or homelessness, have equal access to the general education program and the full range of any occupational/vocational education programs offered by the district.