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### INACCURATE PORTRAYAL OF INDIANA PTA IN BROADWAY'S "THE PROM"

The new Broadway musical "The Prom" opens at the Longacre Theatre in Midtown Manhattan tonight. The play is partially set in small-town Indiana where PTA President Mrs. Greene is committed to maintaining a "traditional" prom. The key conflict in the story is tied to the PTA excluding same-sex couples from attending the event.

Indiana PTA is extremely disappointed in this portrayal of PTA leaders in our state. Indiana PTA membership adopted the resolution [Making Schools Safe](#) in 2012. The association then spent four years advocating for the passage of similar language to protect LGBTQ youth at the national level. Indiana PTA leaders were instrumental in the creation and passage of National PTA's resolution [Recognition of LGBTQ Individuals as a Protected Class](#) at the National PTA Convention in 2016. This resolution has allowed PTA leaders across the United States to speak up on the behalf of LGBTQ students.

Indiana PTA firmly believes that all children and youth should be able to attend school in a safe and inclusive environment that is free from discrimination. Indiana PTA actively works to ensure that all of our associated units treat LGBTQ students in a fair and inclusive manner. Any local PTA acting in the manner portrayed would be in violation of our Standards of Affiliation and in danger of revocation of their unit's charter.

As PTA leaders, we work to protect the rights of every child in our schools and communities, including increasing understanding and promoting acceptance of LGBTQ youth. Indiana PTA will continue to support school policies as well as state and federal legislation which helps create safe, supporting and accepting environments in all schools for our LGBTQ youth. The portrayal of PTA leaders as the source of discrimination in this production is against everything our association believes in and promotes.

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