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### **ELC Applauds Gov. Wolf's Veto of HB 1332**

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**Statement of Deborah Gordon Klehr, Executive Director of the Education Law Center-PA on Governor Tom Wolf's [veto](#) of House Bill 1332 – which would have placed a new mandate on schools to post online book titles, course syllabus, and curriculum standards for all courses in all grade levels.**

“The Education Law Center applauds Governor Wolf’s veto of HB 1332, a bill that would have a chilling impact on classroom teachers and would reverse school district efforts’ to make schools more welcoming and inclusive for students of color and LGBTQ students. The bill promotes censorship in the guise of transparency and elevates the voices of people with no connection to Pennsylvania over the voices of parents and community members.

“The legislation is part of a national effort that will lead to book bans of the kind attempted in the Central York School District. There is no room for this type of censorship in Pennsylvania.

“Children benefit socially, emotionally, and academically from culturally competent, accurate portrayals of history and related curricula. Society benefits when all children have the freedom to achieve their goals.

“We will continue to oppose any legislative attempts to prevent students from learning about racism and the impact of racial, sex, and gender inequality. We hope the General Assembly will reject further efforts to divide our communities.”

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