



Coraopolis
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Re: Sewickley Academy
Coraopolis Branch of the NAACP

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The Coraopolis Branch of the NAACP, together with more than 2 million activists across the country works to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. In consideration of our mission and the actions that Sewickley Academy's administration has taken as directed by its board of directors dating back to the summer of 2021, our branch is concerned that the school may not be providing the best educational and social emotional learning opportunities, experiences and resources its students should be enjoying.

A series of policies, practices and personnel changes at Sewickley Academy that are associated with matters of diversity, equity and justice have manifested themselves very publicly and appear to be impacting the school's students, faculty and reputation in substantially negative and adverse ways.

It is our branch's hope that decision-makers at Sewickley Academy will consider committing to taking every opportunity to revisit and reassess the decisions that have been made and the means those decisions have been implemented over recent months regarding how it has elected to engage with its students, parents, faculty, and the greater community, and to ensure that students are receiving knowledge, skills and experiences that accurately and honestly reflects the diversity, equity and justice every student should have available at their school.