



## **Diversity, Gender and Children: Safe and Inclusive Schools for All Students**

The Chabot PTA is pleased to the announcement the upcoming parent education event. The presentation will be held during the first hour of the regularly scheduled PTA meeting, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The final half hour of the meeting will include PTA business. All events provide child care and dinner for the kids.

As a school committed to the safety and success of all of our students, we are having a workshop that will help parents gain a fuller understanding of gender diversity. While there has been a great deal of attention in recent years to transgender children and youth, this workshop is focused on **gender as it relates to all young people**, and as such all parents will gain important insights from the session.

This evening will be focused on a number of outcomes:

- Defining terms and concepts related to gender diversity, including gender biology, expression and identity, and distinguishing gender identity and sexual orientation
- Understanding gender diversity as a naturally occurring phenomenon, across cultures and throughout history
- Hearing perspectives from gender-expansive young people and the families who are raising them
- Recognizing the need for gender-based training and the responsibilities of school communities to insure that discrimination based on gender does not occur for **any** student
- Learning different methods for discussing gender with children and youth
- Previewing activities and materials that will be used with students and resources for families to discuss these concepts in developmentally appropriate ways with their own children

The evening will feature direct presentation, discussion, video clips and Q&A. Please join us for this important evening of conversation and learning!

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Gender Spectrum ([www.genderspectrum.org](http://www.genderspectrum.org)) provides education, resources and support to help create a gender sensitive and inclusive environment for all children and teens. They accomplish this mission through school trainings, parent support groups and consultations, an annual Family Conference, and work with medical and mental health care providers, social service agencies, and others working with children and youth and/or their families.