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My name is Amy and I am a resident of West Gardiner. I am the parent of a non-binary teenager who struggled with bullying in school and figuring out who they are, like many teenagers. It is the responsibility of adults to give youth a safe environment to express themselves and participate in society. It is not acceptable to publicly invite harm and criticism onto a minor for any reason. Newspapers don't even publish the names of juvenile criminal offenders, it should be even more unacceptable to thrust an innocent minor into the public eye against their will with the intention of inviting harm.