

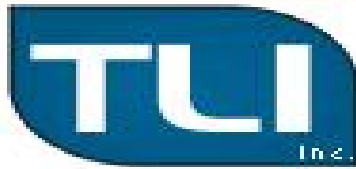


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Providing practical ideas to improve the education for all our children in New York and Pennsylvania, primarily through work with community residents, school board members and administrators.

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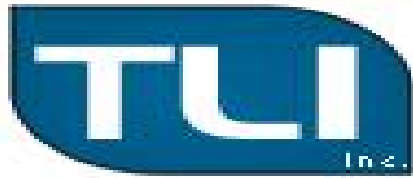
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“School board elections, in many ways, determine our future. We need organizations to help train and arm candidates. Such citizen-oriented, reform-minded organizations must identify and recruit potential candidates, and then provide them with information ranging from how to be a candidate and meet financial and political deadlines to how to get informed about curricula and contracts at the local level.”

*The War Against Hope* – 2006

Rod Paige, P.ED.

Former U.S. Secretary of Education



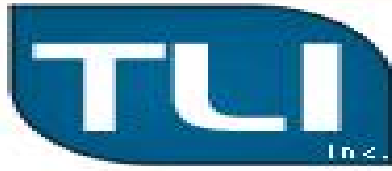
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## MISSION

- 1) To increase the number of candidates who are willing to run for their local school board.
- 2) To identify teaching candidates who will champion high ethical standards and promote these standards throughout the entire employment process.

These candidates should be committed to family values based on a traditional Judeo-Christian belief system.

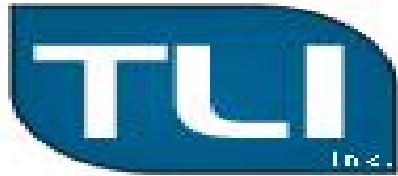


## Actions of Concern - Statewide

1. Twenty-three percent (approx. 165 districts in NYS) of the responding Superintendents considered their BOE not “highly functional and effective.”

Twenty-two percent (approx. 158 districts in NYS) of the responding Superintendents believe their boards do not act with a high degree of civility, mutual trust and respect.

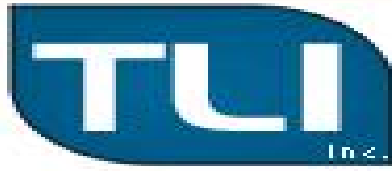
NYSCOSS Snapshot V – November 2004



## Actions of Concern – Board Members

2. E-mail from sitting Board of Education member to Superintendent. This board member became the President of the Board of Education the next year.

“I was concerned last night that the quotes you chose to use in your closing comments included the word ‘God’ at least two times. Because the School District is a public entity, I believe you need to be rigorous in your efforts to make sure you do not include a religious message in your comments or actions as Superintendent of the District.”



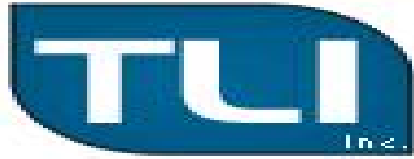
## Actions of Concern – Financial Oversight

3. “The Board of Education (Roslyn UFSD) had abdicated its oversight role and essentially did not monitor the District’s financial operations.”

“Approximately one third of the school districts in NYS have excellent financial procedures and controls in place.

Approximately one third of the school districts in NYS need minor tweaks in their financial procedures and controls.

Approximately one third of the school districts in NYS need a major overhaul of their financial procedures and controls.”

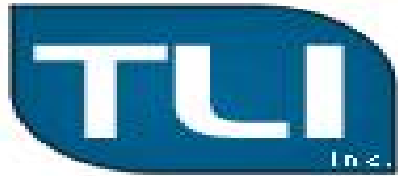


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## Actions of Concern – Teacher Unions

4. National Education Association (Teachers Union) passes resolution to endorse, support and promote homosexual and other forms of marriage in their local schools. (June 2006)



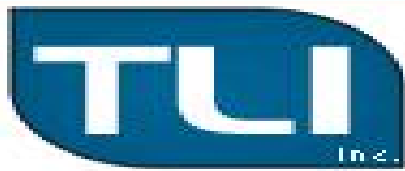
## Actions of Concern – “Tolerance”

### 5. NYSSBA – October 2005 Convention Delegates resolution

Encourage school boards to invite discussion among students, parents, staff and the community regarding hatred and bigotry based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability and religion endanger the pluralistic and diversity principles for which this nation stands.

Encourage school boards to involve students, parents, staff and the community in developing and supporting education which invites understanding and acceptance of others’ differences and which aims to eradicate hatred and bigotry.

**Adopted 275 - 47**



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## Actions of Concern - “Tolerance”

### 5. NYSSBA – October 2005 Convention Delegates resolution (con’t)

“RESOLVED that the New York State School Boards Association shall take a leadership role in encouraging school boards to develop successful strategies for integrating respect for cultural differences into educational experience. In carrying out this mission, NYSSBA shall encourage school boards to:

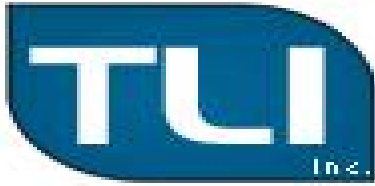
... ensure that the importance of (tolerance of) respecting others who are unique and different because of racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, disability and religiously related reasons is part of the curriculum.



## Actions of Concern – Gay Lesbian Agenda

6. Gay, Lesbian, Straight, Educational Network (GLSEN) works each year to convince high school students in New York State to enroll in a “Day of Silence,” most often without the knowledge or permission of the building administration.

The purpose of the day is “ ... a student-led day of action where those who support making anti-LGBT bias unacceptable in schools take a day-long vow of silence to recognize and protest the discrimination and harassment – in effect, the silencing – experienced by LGBT students and their allies.”

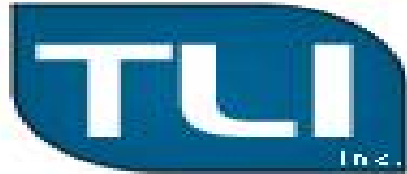


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## Some responsibilities of the local School Board?

1. Set all policies of the school district.
2. Hire the Superintendent of Schools.
3. Approve the hiring of all teachers, administrators and support staff.
4. Approve all textbooks used in the district.
5. Approve curriculum used in the district.
6. Ultimate responsibility for discipline of students.
7. Recommend annual budget to voters.
8. Set local property tax rate.

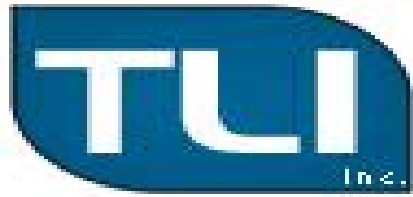


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% of districts (139) by county with same number of candidates as openings

	2005	2006	2007
● Cattaraugus	73%	33%	25%
● Allegany	55%	44%	89%
● Monroe	53%	47%	47%
● Steuben	50%	36%	42%
● Livingston	50%	50%	63%
● Wayne	46%	45%	55%
● Ontario	44%	44%	22%
● Genesee	38%	25%	63%
● Erie	32%	43%	43%
● Orleans	20%	40%	40%
● Wyoming	20%	80%	40%
● Niagara	10%	30%	30%

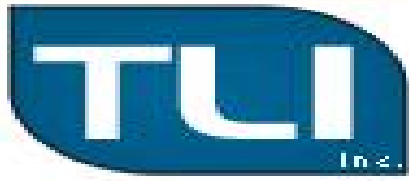


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## Strategic Plan

1. Develop awareness of the need for increased numbers of school board candidates who are committed to family values based on a traditional Judeo-Christian belief system.
2. Provide regular newspaper advertisements publicizing the opportunities available to people who are interested in becoming a candidate for their local school board.
3. Produce informational broadcasts on radio stations designed to increase awareness of the need for family values based on a traditional Judeo-Christian belief system in our public school systems.

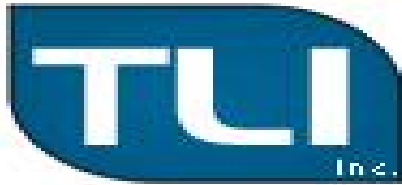


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## Strategic Plan (con't)

4. Make opinion pieces related to current educational issues available to newspapers on a periodic basis.
5. Develop a network of people who will write letters to the editor of their local newspapers. One of the purposes of these letters would be to encourage other community members to support school districts' board members and administrators to initiate activities that promote family values.
6. Offer a variety of presentations to community groups interested in learning more about supporting traditional family values in our public schools.

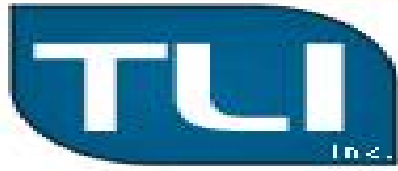


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## Strategic Plan (con't)

7. Inform people of the responsibilities and obligations of their local school boards as they relate to policy development, budget, and board and administrative leadership matters.
8. Offer training sessions to individuals who may be considering running for their local board of education.
9. Offer a comprehensive teacher candidate seminar and placement assistance to qualified individuals who have been academically prepared to teach.
10. Encourage political leaders at the federal, state, and local levels to support legislation that encourages family values based on a traditional Judeo-Christian belief system.
11. Monitor proposed legislation in the NYS and PA legislature dealing with character education, moral issues, religion and ethics as it relates to pre-K through 12 education in the state and offer advice and counsel on these matters.



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What I am asking of you?

1. Consider becoming a school board candidate.
2. Put us in touch with someone you know who might consider becoming a school board candidate.
3. Consider inviting us to talk with people in other groups you may belong to about TLI.
4. Inform others of opportunities TLI offers to become involved:
  - a) learn more about being a school board candidate (\$ grants will be available to help with expense of campaign)
  - b) become a Letter to the Editor writer
  - c) pray for the work of TLI Inc.
5. Suggest individuals who might benefit from our teacher candidate seminar and placement assistance.

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# QUESTIONS?

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