## STUDENT RIGHTS REPORT CARD

Check "yes" or "no" for each of the following statements about your school. If you are not sure, you can leave it blank. At the end, add up the number of "yeses" to give your school a report card grade for students' rights.

In my school	Yes No
In my school, when school officials see bullying or harassment, they do something about it.	
In my school, students are punished fairly, and not for minor behavior.	
In my school, suspensions are rare.	
In my school, transgender and nonbinary students are allowed to use the bathrooms and locker rooms they want to use.	
In my school, student mental health is taken seriously, and there are enough counselors and resources available.	
In my school, students who struggle in school are given the help they need.	
In my school, students are allowed to have pro-LGBTQ+ student groups and express pro-LGBTQ+ viewpoints.	

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## Building LGBTQ + Advocacy

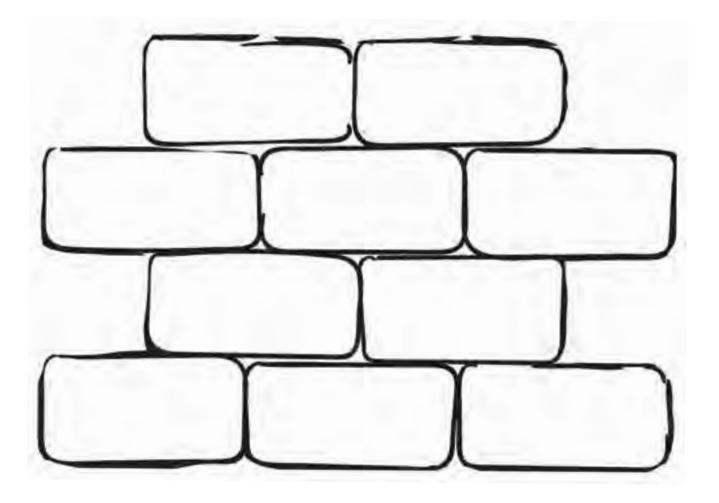
nstructions At Stonewall, bricks were a tool of resistance and were thrown at those trying to disrespect people's rights. But bricks can also represent safety and community (like the bricks that built the Stonewall Inn). In addition, they can represent building something new. As you think about what you want to accomplish in your projects, think about what "bricks"—the necessary parts of your project—you will need to get there. Save this as you work on your project to make sure you are including all the pieces that you need.

The issue I am working on in my project is:

My advocacy goal is to:

I will reach my goal brick by brick.

1. In each of the 10 bricks below, write one thing your project will need. These can be objects (like certain project materials), or people you will need help or collaboration from, or helpful personal traits, or things you will need to do in order for your project to be helpful. Examples: support from my teacher, perseverance, a laptop/supplies, to learn more about \_\_\_\_, to raise awareness about \_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_.

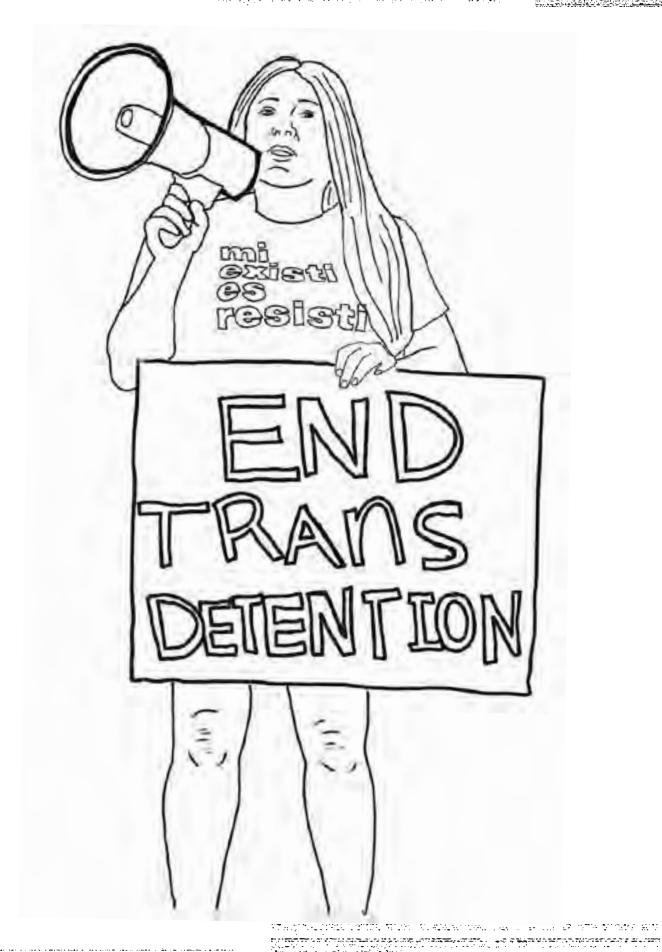


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## Brick by Brick PROJECT

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You will be working on your own project, either by yourself or with a group, to make your school a little better for its students.

nstructions Think about a challenge students are facing in your school. Then think about what you can do to make things better. Here are some ideas to get you started, but there are infinite possibilities! If you get stuck, think about things you can do to raise awareness, to demand your rights, to care for those harmed, or to build collective power.



**Challenge:** My school's dress code isn't fair.

My project: Write a new, fair dress code for my school and petition teachers and administrators to adopt it.

Challenge: LGBTQ+ students don't feel represented in our school curriculum.

My project: Create a social media archive about LGBTQ+ history and life that our students can feel represented in. AND/OR Petition the school to update the curriculum.

Challenge: Students at my school don't know their rights to be protected against harassment.

My project: Create a website, video, or artwork that educates students on their rights.

Challenge: My school treats students differently based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and disability.

My project: Write a non-discrimination statement for my school, and get teachers and administrators to agree to adopt it.

Challenge: My school does not have enough mental health supports for students.

My Project: Start a mental health club at school. Together, write a list of demands for supports like peer support circles, more social workers and counselors, or a mental health break space. AND/OR Petition your school board to use federal funds for student mental health supports.

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My end goal is to:

I will know I am successful when:

My list of tasks, from first to last, is:



