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## DCS in the News

DiscoverChristianSchools.com was featured on WRBS, 95.1FM in Baltimore, MD – Harold Naylor, co-founder of DCS was on-air live! **Mornings with Tracey, Mike, and Dave** featured Harold to talk about DiscoverChristianSchools.com and the benefits of a Christian education.

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## On the Airwaves

Friend of DiscoverChristianSchools.com, Bruce Shortt, featured on national radio show "Issues In Education" - A New Approach to Education.

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What role does the Church play in educating children? In the Great Commission, Jesus mandated making disciples and teaching them. How are churches teaching children, when 90% spend all day in government schools? Bruce Shortt, a graduate of Harvard Law and a Phd from Stanford, and author of the *Harsh Truth About Public Schools*, has introduced several resolutions at the Southern Baptist Conventions calling on parents and pastors to provide education for all the children. If parents can't afford it, the church should help by using church buildings and lay people as teachers.

*Harold Naylor of DiscoverChristianSchools.com to be featured on this program this summer and eConnect will keep you informed!*

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## Parents Want to Know

Why Should I consider  
Christian education?

*Ten Reasons Why You Need To Pray About It Today.*

1. God's Word is taught
2. God commands us to teach kids through the Word
3. The school shares your values
4. Safety
5. Academic Achievement
6. Teachers love and fear the Lord
7. Individual Attention
8. Success after graduation

9. Peer Pressure
10. The State of Public Education

None of this is meant to be a criticism of parents who place their children in public schools. Nor is it an indictment against well-meaning public school educators. But the fact remains that public schools are not allowed to give your children the educational experience the Bible demands. Regardless of what you may think about Christian school, we encourage you to seek God's thoughts on the matter before choosing an academic home for your children.

- [Click here to see what the Bible says about Christian school.](#)
- To find a Christian school in your area, [click here to go to the School Finder](#) feature of the website.

*"I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt...I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth." Martin Luther*

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## **DiscoverChristianSchools.com is Making a Difference! DCS Credited With Helping Offensive Film to be Pulled from NJ School District**

### **New Jersey School District Pulls Gay Family Movie**

*Many Parents Were Outraged Over "That's a Family"*

The Evesham school district in southern New Jersey is currently facing a dilemma regarding a video that was to be shown as a part of a third-grade health curriculum in their public school system. The video in question, "That's a Family," was produced by Women's Educational Media and is touted as "a film for kids about family diversity," according to the company's website.

The video shows children of elementary school age in different familial situations, in an attempt to show the diversity of families and introduce compassion and understanding for different family types. The types of families in the video includes two-parent households, foster families, adoptive families, families with single parents, families with grandparents heading the household, interethnic families, families of varying religions, and families headed by gay or lesbian couples. It is the last type of family that is causing an uproar among some parents, which has led the Evesham school district to shelve plans to include the video in their curriculum.

A viewing of the video took place in January, where over 200 parents and concerned citizens had a chance to watch the video and discuss it. A survey was later given about the video to third-grade parents. While a slight majority were in favor of showing the video, nearly as many were opposed to it. Despite initial plans to allow children to leave the classroom during the showing if their parents objected, the school system decided not to show the film at all after the reaction and results of the viewing and survey.

Garden State Equality, a leading organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual rights in New Jersey, was outraged over the decision and immediately sent emails to their listserv, explaining the situation at hand and asking those opposed to the decision to argue against it both in person at a board meeting and via letters.

**[DiscoverChristianSchools.com](http://DiscoverChristianSchools.com) had previously sent out a press release speaking out against the film and asking those against the film to make their voices heard in order to keep the film from being shown.**

### **School defends teaching about gay and lesbian families**

*Submitted by New York IFP*

A school district defended the screening of a video that teaches about the many varieties of families that represent their community, including biological parents and children, single parents, adopted children, children of divorced parents, children being raised by grandparents or foster parents, children of racially-diverse parents and children of gay and lesbian parents.

But Evesham Township School District, New Jersey, denied using the video to teach same sex marriages as part of its elementary school curriculum.

"The objective of this unit of study is not to advocate any particular lifestyle," the school district told the parents and guardians. "Instead, it is to discourage prejudice against family members and protect children from presumptions that cause them to feel a lack of full acceptance of family and self that everyone is due."

**The statement came in response to a campaign orchestrated by the Christian group [discoverchristianschools.com](http://discoverchristianschools.com) who claim this is an inappropriate form of 'schooling'.**

**"DiscoverChristianSchools.com is asking, once again, is THIS the kind of 'schooling' that we as parents want for our children?" Harold Naylor, one of the founders of DiscoverChristianSchools.com questioned. "Wouldn't we want to have one less thing to worry about each day if we knew our**

**children were at least safe in their morality and values at schools where these very issues are in concert with the worldview we hold as Christian parents?"**

For more information and to read the news release that DiscoverChristianSchools.com actually submitted, visit our website and click on "Breaking News" and the article "New Jersey – That's a Family."

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If you are a school and would like to sign up as a DCS member, send us an email. Just go to **[www.DiscoverChristianSchools.com](http://www.DiscoverChristianSchools.com)** and click on "Contact Us". We'll get you on board while parents are looking for schools this summer!

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