



Mix It Up Day Controversy: An Interview with Maureen Costello



Mix It Up Day at Lunch Day--an annual event hosted by Teaching Tolerance--was recently called a "nationwide push to promote the homosexual lifestyle in public schools" by an anti-gay evangelical group. NIOT Executive Producer Patrice O'Neill spoke with Teaching Tolerance Director Maureen Costello about the controversy and why activities like Mix It

Up Day pave the way for accepting and safe schools. [Read the Interview.](#)

New Video: Friday Night Light



High school football captains join their community in taking a Not In Our Town pledge to stand up to bullying and hate. (1 min 30 sec). [Watch now.](#)

New Not In Our School Facebook Page



Not In Our School's anti-bullying work has attracted the attention of thousands during National Bullying Prevention Month. PSA, "Break Bullying," was featured on CNN's School of Thought blog and aired on [CNN sister station HLN](#), garnering 55,000 online views! Check out the video on the [new NIOS YouTube channel](#) and join the conversation at

the [new NIOS Facebook page!](#)

We're Hiring!

Not In Our Town seeks a Development Manager and a Community Engagement Director. [Find out more about these exciting opportunities.](#)

Tale of Two Cities: Patchogue, NY & Marshalltown, Iowa



As part of its citywide campaign to stand up to hate and intolerance, a Marshalltown, Iowa theater screens our film *Light in the Darkness* to raise the issue of racial division and bullying, "That's why we have dialogue: to learn about the things that we are unaware, they said. We all come from different backgrounds, and it takes a collective effort to weave a tapestry that

paints an accurate portrait of our community." [Read the full article.](#)

