

Letters to the Editor

Blocking YouTube hurts CPS students

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With the movement to help the LGBT community, the YouTube phenomena "It Gets Better," covered in the Sun-Times on Sept. 24, has caught the attention of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. She recently released a video on how life can only get better for teens.

Chicago Public Schools students are not aware of this movement because their schools do not have access to YouTube. This is unfortunate because teachers are not only unable to show their students the efforts of those who wish to make a difference in their lives, but it also limits students' learning by relating class subjects with things that they are familiar with.

The Mikva Challenge Education Council has a solution. The recommendation involving YouTube states, "Teachers should have a personal password for the use of unblocking CPS 'restricted' websites for educational purposes. The principal's discretion will determine which websites can be viewed." If a YouTube channel can enhance a movement, imagine how it could enhance our schools.

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