“These locally-driven programs are attempting to accomplish something remarkable, and we should be honoring these efforts rather than tearing them down. ‘Mix it Up at Lunch’ is about honoring our differences, and celebrating our diversity. This has nothing to do with the so-called ‘gay agenda’ that the American Family Association is so deathly afraid of. It’s about jocks and nerds, kids from the wrong side of town, and youth that may have a different color of skin than their peers. It’s also about respecting and relating to peers that may have different religious beliefs than your own. I would hope that the American Family Association would want young Christians talking to their communities and finding friends in unusual places. If anything, the Bible teaches us that Jesus broke down barriers by breaking bread with anyone. That’s the model of Christianity we should be promoting. I hope every parent will encourage their kids to participate in ‘Mix It Up at Lunch’ Day.”