



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 8.1

**Meeting Date:** June 10, 2021

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 3208: Recognizing Pride Month, June 2021

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Division:** Board Office

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 3208: Recognizing Pride Month, June 2021.

**Background/Rationale:** June 2021 has been designated as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. The District is committed to providing a Safe Haven for all students including the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) community or those that may be perceived as such. The month of June is an opportunity to highlight the identities and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community as well as work to combat bullying and harassment based on sexual orientation and gender expression in order better promote and foster a safe and respectful culture within the District.

**Financial Considerations:** None

**LCAP Goal(s):** Family and Community Empowerment; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

**Documents Attached:**

1. Resolution No. 3208

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 5 minutes

**Submitted by:** Lisa Murawski, Vice President

**Approved by:** Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3208**

**RECOGNITION OF LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH, JUNE 2021**

Whereas, the Sacramento City Unified School District advocates and promotes the safe, inclusive and respectful treatment of all our students as part of the District's Safe Haven efforts;

Whereas, the District is committed to providing a Safe Haven for all students including the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) community or those that may be perceived as such;

Whereas, the California Education Code, Section 200 ensures that all students receive equal access and rights to educational opportunities in public schools;

Whereas, the Sacramento City Unified School Districts commits to the implementation of the FAIR (Fair Accurate Inclusive and Respectful) Education Act into the K-12 grade history and social studies curriculum;

Whereas, sexual orientation and gender expression biased bullying is among the most common form of harassment in schools;

Whereas, peer harassment and bullying contribute to significantly higher rates of school dropout, academic failure and school disengagement among LGBTQ+ youth;

Whereas, LGBTQ+ youth are more likely to experience a mental health condition and are at greater risk of suicide, and deserve our vocal acceptance and support, as well as special attention to the unique challenges they may face at school and in their communities;

Whereas, the Connect Center is a critical District program for student, staff and community resources. The Connect Center provides trainings, activities, and lessons for and about LGBTQ+ identities and is committed to fostering a safe and respectful District, school and community culture;

Whereas, the Board of Education approved the updated Board Policy on Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth during the June 7, 2018, Board Meeting which further outlines the services, supports and protections provided to such students and families;

Whereas, the Board of Education recognizes and rejects the shameful history and present-day manifestations of bias against and oppression of LGBTQ+ individuals, and heartily celebrates each LGBTQ+ student and staff as valued members of the SCUSD community; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic and related stay-at home orders have put extreme stress on many LGBTQ+ youth, only one in three who have expressed that their homes are LGBTQ-affirming, according to a recent survey of LGBTQ+ youth by the Trevor Project. The survey also found that more than 80% of LGBTQ youth stated that COVID-19 made their living situation more stressful, 70% of LGBTQ youth stated that their mental health was "poor" most of the time or always during COVID-19 and that 42% of LGBTQ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, including more than half of transgender and nonbinary youth.

Whereas, by recognizing Pride Month, we support other policies, practices and curricula that honor and respect LGBTQ+ students, staff and their families, and recognize the need to address the specific COVID-19 recovery, support and mental health needs of LGBTQ+ youth;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Sacramento City Unified Board of Education declares June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and directs the Superintendent and all District staff to:

1. Include plans to meet the unique needs of LGBTQ+ students, families and staff in COVID-19 recovery planning and implementation
2. Continue supporting lessons, activities, and conversations that engage students in meaningful learning, research and writing about our LGBTQ+ students and families.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 10th day of June, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Christina Pritchett  
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

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Jorge A. Aguilar  
Secretary of the Board of Education