

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 01-061324

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS,
FREEDOMS, AND EQUALITY OF THOSE WHO ARE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,
TRANSGENDER, QUEER, AND/OR GENDER EXPANSIVE (LGBTQ+)

WHEREAS, members of the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Education support the rights, freedoms, and equality of those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and gender expansive (LGBTQ+);

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ and gender expansive students deserve a safe, educational space and schools are responsible for creating an educational environment that promotes a sense of belonging for all students including LGBTQ+ and gender expansive students, and,

WHEREAS, according to data from the 2023 National Survey on LGBTQ+ Youth Mental Health as reported by the Trevor Project, 41% of LGBTQ+ and gender expansive youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, including more than half of transgender and nonbinary youth, disproportionality harming LGBTQ+ and gender expansive youth of Color, and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Assembly Bill 493 (AB 493), school site and community resources for the support of LGBTQ+ and gender expansive students improves school climate for all students; and,

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2024, the U.S. Department of Education, in their updated guidance, reaffirms that Title IX protections apply to LGBTQ+ and gender expansive students; and,

WHEREAS, Mountain View Whisman School District affirms its commitment to being a place where all students feel empowered to reach their highest potential, acknowledging that this excellence is borne from a deep well of knowledge sustained through our diversity; and,

WHEREAS, in the 2020-21 school year, Mountain View Whisman School District updated restroom signage across all schools to maintain inclusive access to single-stall, gender-neutral restrooms for all students and provided all principals and teachers with training on how to nurture inclusive classroom environments for LGBTQ+ and gender expansive students;

WHEREAS, in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, Mountain View Whisman School District continued training with all teachers and student-facing staff on how to provide inclusive environments for LGBTQ+ and gender expansive students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain View Whisman School District will raise Progress Pride flags within the first week in June at the District Office and keep the flags up the entire month of June, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mountain View Whisman School District will continue to solicit feedback from parents and students about what additional resources and support LGBTQ+ and gender expansive students and staff need to thrive within our district and collaborate with the District Equity Advisory Committee on an action plan to address those needs, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mountain View Whisman School District will actively engage in the education of our families by providing the appropriate LGBTQ+ and gender expansive resources as needed, including but not limited to resources from local community organizations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District this 13th day of June 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees at a regular meeting as stated above.

President
Board of Trustees
Mountain View Whisman School District