

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 01-061225

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECOGNITION OF LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, it is the right of every child, regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, to access a free public K-12 education and the District welcomes and supports all students; and

WHEREAS, the District has a responsibility to ensure that all students who reside within its boundaries, regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, can safely access a free public K-12 education; and

WHEREAS, research on LGBTQ+ Young People noted that attending a school with even one anti-LGBTQ+ policy is associated with higher rates of anxiety, depression, and past-year suicide attempts for young LGBTQ+ students; and

WHEREAS, students attending schools with anti-LGBTQ+ policies face dramatically increased mental health challenges, including higher rates of anxiety, depression, seriously considering suicide, and suicide attempts compared to students in schools with no anti-LGBTQ+ policies; and

WHEREAS, research shows that LGBTQ+ students in schools with anti-LGBTQ+ policies experience higher rates of victimization, including verbal harassment and physical attacks (62% vs. 38%), and have reduced access to supportive school-based resources.

WHEREAS, The Trevor Project's findings demonstrate that supportive school environments are directly associated with better mental health outcomes and lower suicide risk among LGBTQ+ students; and

WHEREAS, Mountain View Whisman School District prohibits discrimination, including discrimination based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation; and

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

WHEREAS, the District supports celebrating our different identities; integrity in how we treat others; and courage to do what's right by listening to, learning from, and respecting diverse viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, educational personnel are often the primary sources of support, resources, and information to assist and support students and student learning, which includes their social and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ students deserve the right to feel safe in school, to openly discuss their LGBTQ+ identity with peers and adults without fear, and to see themselves reflected in school practices; and

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,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District shall designate June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 the District commits to maintaining and expanding supportive school environments that protect LGBTQ+ students from discrimination and harassment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District affirms its commitment to implementing policies and practices that support rather than harm LGBTQ+ students, recognizing the documented relationship between anti-LGBTQ+ school policies and increased rates of anxiety, depression, and suicidal behavior among young people.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District this 12th day of June 2025 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

