

Hollister School District
Board of Trustees
Resolution #22: 21-22

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

June 28, 2022

WHEREAS, June is a time to celebrate our dynamic Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex or Allies (LGBTQIA+) community, raise awareness of quality services, and foster dialogue to promote a healthy, safe, and prosperous school climates and communities for all; and

WHEREAS, California state law addresses discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying towards LGBTQIA+ youth, there have been numerous studies indicating the inequities experienced by the LGBTQIA+ community, including poverty, homelessness, school harassment, physical assault, domestic violence, hate crimes, mental health issues, and substance abuse concerns; and

WHEREAS, studies suggest that LGBTQIA+ youth are at a higher risk of substance use, cancers, cardiovascular diseases, obesity, bullying, isolation, rejection, anxiety, depression, and suicide as compared to the general population and a 2011 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report found that “the disparities in both mental and physical health that are seen between LGBTQIA+ and heterosexual and non-gender variant youth are influenced largely by their experiences of stigma and discrimination during the development of their sexual orientation and gender identity,” and

WHEREAS, there is a need to focus on localized efforts that support LGBTQIA+ youth including student and school resources that focus on positive behavioral interventions and support, resources on school climate that address bullying and parent engagement, as well as tools for student health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ people in the United States have made, and continue to make vital contributions to the United States and to the world in every aspect, including in the fields of education, law, health, business, science, research, economic development, architecture, fashion, sports, government, music, film, technology, literature, civil rights, and politics; and

WHEREAS, we are working to cultivate positive and safe school environments for youth to foster confidence and knowledge to successfully navigate and improve the ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing Pride Month, we reaffirm our commitment to support other policies, practices, and curricula that honor and respect LGBTQIA+ students, staff, their families, and people in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hollister School District Board of Education commits to ensuring the equal treatment of all people regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hollister School District Board of Education designates June 2022 as LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH to inspire equity, create alliances and celebrate diversity.

Passed and Adopted on the twenty-eight day of June 2022

Carla Torres-Deluna, President

Lisa Marks, Clerk