

**MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO
THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

SUBJECT: Celebrating and Affirming Our Students and Families with Pride Month 2017
(Res-095-16/17)

DATE NOTICED: 05-09-17

PRESENTED FOR ACTION: 06-13-17

PRESENTED BY: Ms. García , Ms. Ratliff,
Dr. Rodriguez, Mr. Zimmer

MOVED/SECONDED BY: Ms. Ratliff/
Dr. Vladovic

MOTION:

RESOLUTION: x

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District models, advocates and promotes the inclusive and respectful treatment of all our members;

Whereas, The California Education Code, Section 200 provides, “It is the policy of the State of California to afford all persons in public schools, regardless of their disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, equal rights and opportunities in the educational institutions of the state”;

Whereas, The District is committed to school safety for all members including the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) community or those that may be perceived as such;

Whereas, The District has a mission to reach 100% graduation rate for all students;

Whereas, The District has a role to provide a safe, nurturing and tolerant environment in our schools;

Whereas, The month of June is an opportunity to celebrate the identities and contributions of the LGBTQ community;

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

Whereas, The significantly higher rates of school dropout, academic failure and school disengagement among LGBTQ youth across the country are attributed in part to peer harassment and bullying;

Whereas, Children who do not conform to gender stereotypes are more likely to be targets of harassment;

Whereas, No one should ever be the target of bullying, harassment or violence;

Whereas, We must strive to ensure that District schools are consistently safe and affirming spaces for all students, staff and their families;

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Whereas, The Human Relations, Diversity and Equity division is a resource for trainings, activities, lessons and service-learning projects for and about LGBTQ concerns and is committed to fostering a safe and respectful District, school and community culture;

Whereas, Project 10 in the Educational Equity Compliance Office is a District program that oversees education and support services for LGBTQ students, in order to ensure safe, supportive and welcoming campuses free from discrimination and harassment for LGBTQ students and staff;

Whereas, The District and the Los Angeles LGBT Center formed an initiative, Project SPIN (Suicide Prevention Intervention Now), to bring systemic efforts to celebrate and support LGBTQ students, families, and staff;

Whereas, The FAIR Education Act of 2012 called for positive inclusion of the contributions of LGBTQ Americans in social studies curriculum;

Whereas, The Student Success and Opportunity Act of 2013 strengthened protections for transgender students and affirmed that all students should be recognized and participate in activities by their gender of identity;

Whereas, In October 2013, with the support of the Human Relations and Health Education Offices, the OUT for Safe Schools campaign invited school staff to wear an “OUT for Safe Schools” badge, making them visible allies and safe spaces for all youth and families;

Whereas, In October 2014, the District Athletic department announced its “Blow the Whistle on Hate” initiative to foster more respectful environments;

Whereas, Affirming school and home environments substantially improve the mental health and school engagement of LGBTQ students;

Whereas, By recognizing Pride Month, we support policies, practices and curriculum that honor and respect LGBTQ students, staff and their families; and

Whereas, By recognizing Pride Month we reaffirm our commitment to the 1988 District’s 1998 resolution, Respectful Treatment of All Persons; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District declares June 2017 as Pride Month and directs the Superintendent and all District staff to support lessons and activities that engage students in meaningful learning, research and writing about our LGBTQ students and families.

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	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NOES</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ms. Garcia	X			
Dr. McKenna	X			
Ms. Ratliff	X			
Dr. Rodriguez	X			
Mr. Schmerelson	X			
Dr. Vladovic	X			
Mr. Zimmer	X			
TOTAL	7			

ACTION: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE