

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item # 9.3

Meeting Date: June 8, 2023

Subject: Approve Resolution 3329: Recognizing Pride Month, June 2023

- 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. 3329: Recognizing Pride Month, June 2023.

Background/Rationale:

June 2023 has been designated as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. The district is committed to providing a Safe Haven that promotes the safe, inclusive, and respectful treatment of all our students and staff, 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 to better promote and foster a safe and respectful culture within the District. The month of June is an opportunity to highlight the

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

Submitted by: Taylor Kayatta, Board Member

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**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO. 3329**

RECOGNITION OF LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH, JUNE 2023

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District is a Safe Haven School District that proclaims “ALL are welcome here” and promotes the safe, inclusive, and respectful treatment of all of our students and staff, including the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) community or those that may be perceived as such; and

WHEREAS, according to the [UCLA Williams Institute](#) approximately 9 million people in the US identify as LGBTQ+ with over 50% identifying as bisexual,

WHEREAS, school-age years are a critical time for LGBTQ+ youth as they often “come out” or disclose their LGBTQ+ identities during that time; and

WHEREAS, sexual orientation and gender expression-based bullying is among the most common form of harassment in schools, which can contribute to significantly higher rates of school dropout, academic failure, and school disengagement among LGBTQ+ youth; and

WHEREAS, the [2022 Trevor Project National Survey on LGBTQ+ Mental Health](#) found the following:

- Nearly 1 in 5 transgender and nonbinary youth attempted suicide and LGBTQ+ youth of color reported higher rates than their white peers

- Fewer than 1 in 3 transgender and nonbinary youth found their home to be gender-affirming

- 58% of LGBTQ+ youth reported experiencing symptoms of depression including nearly two-thirds of transgender and nonbinary youth;

- 60% of LGBTQ+ youth who wanted mental health care in the past year were not able to get it.

WHEREAS, according to the [Trevor Project](#), the following supports youth who identify as LGBTQ+:

- Youth who found their school to be LGBTQ+ affirming reported lower rates of attempting suicide

- LGBTQ+ youth who live in a community that is accepting of LGBTQ+ people reported significantly lower rates of attempting suicide than those who do not

- 89% of LGBTQ+ youth reported that seeing LGBTQ+ representation in TV/movies made them feel good about being LGBTQ+

c. Provide resources and support for Gay-Straight Alliances or Gender and Sexuality Alliances (GSAs) and encourage the formation of such clubs at every middle and high school.

d. Enhance LGBTQ+ curricular resources and provide mandatory professional development for teachers and staff on district policies and the creation of inclusive environments for all LGBTQ+ students and members of our school communities.

e. Identify state legislation that supports the principles outlined in this resolution and bring draft letters of support to the Board of Education for adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 8th day of June, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: ____ NOES: ____ ABSTAIN: ____ ABSENT: ____

ATTESTED TO:

_____ Jorge A. Aguilar
Secretary of the Board of Education

_____ Chinua Rhodes, President of the Board of
Education