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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

September 19, 2023

ORDERED:

WHEREAS: Members of the LGBTQIA+ community face significant discrimination and bullying both in schools and in society at large; and

WHEREAS: The 2022 Teen Health Survey reflected that students in the LGBTQIA+ community face higher rates of suicide and depression, and research suggests this is true for adolescents and adults nationwide; and

WHEREAS: Student and staff well-being is a fundamental concern of the Cambridge School Committee and school boards across the country; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee affirms its support to promote the needs and safety of all staff and students who are LGBTQIA+ and Gender Non-Conforming within our district; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the School Committee gives its support to responsible civic actions by students, educators, and others who are raising the visibility of this issue and seeking changes in public policy; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the School Committee of Cambridge, Massachusetts urges state and federal policymakers to support laws and regulations that:

- Provide adequate funding for LGBTQIA+ awareness and anti-bullying training for both staff and students;
- Provide for safe bathrooms, locker rooms, and changing spaces for transgender and Gender Non-Conforming staff and students;
- Strengthen counseling and mental health services for LGBTQ students.

A true copy:



Attest:

Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

Motion #23-237

cc:

Vice-Chair Rachel
Member Rojas
Member Fantini
Member Hunter
Member Weinstein
Member Wilson

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