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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

WHEREAS, results of The Trevor Project’s 2021 National Survey on LGBTQ+ Youth Mental Health report:

- a. 42% of LGBTQ+ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, including more than half of transgender and nonbinary youth.
- b. 94% of LGBTQ+ youth reported that recent politics negatively impacted their mental health.
- c. 75% of LGBTQ+ youth reported that they had experienced discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity at least once in their lifetime.
- d. Transgender and nonbinary youth who reported having pronouns respected by all of the people they lived with attempted suicide at half the rate of those who did not have their pronouns respected by anyone with whom they lived.
- e. Transgender and nonbinary youth who were able to change their name and/or gender marker on legal documents, such as driver’s licenses and birth certificates, reported lower rates of attempted suicide.
- f. LGBTQ+ youth who had access to spaces that affirmed their sexual orientation and gender identity reported lower rates of attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, HB 61 and SB 132, both titled the “Save Women’s Sports Act,” were introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate on February 3, 2021, and March 16, 2021, respectively; and

WHEREAS, both bills attempt to ban transgender athletes from competing on women’s sports teams; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has already implemented a detailed
28 policy that ensures that transgender students have equal opportunity while maintaining fair
29 competition in women’s sports; and
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31 WHEREAS, HB 454 was introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives on October 19,
32 2021, and is designated as the Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act; and
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34 WHEREAS, HB 454 would prohibit offering minors any kind of gender affirming treatment —
35 from hormones to surgery; and
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37 WHEREAS, HB 454 compels school workers including teachers, nurses, and counselors to
38 divulge confidential information about a student who is questioning their gender identity to that
39 child’s parent or guardian; and
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41 WHEREAS, the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) and Ohio Education Association (OEA)
42 published a joint press release condemning HB 61 and SB 132 on April 14, 2021; and
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44 WHEREAS, the OFT and OEA published a joint press release condemning HB 454 on October
45 26, 2021; and
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47 WHEREAS, both joint press releases condemn these bills as endangering the health of students
48 and as bad solutions in search of problems; therefore
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50 BE IT RESOLVED, the OFT affirms that any education or medical professional should do no
51 harm to any child for any reason; and
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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OFT continues to condemn HB 61, SB 132, HB 454, and
54 any similar discriminatory legislation; and
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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OFT encourages all education and medical employees to
57 respect the pronouns of every individual in the community; and
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OFT will advocate for policies that allow transgender
60 individuals to change their name and/or gender marker on legal documents; and
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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OFT will promote support services for the LGBTQ+
63 community, such as The Trevor Project and Trans Lifeline; and
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65 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the OFT reaffirms its support for all members of the LGBTQ+
66 community.
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