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MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Bloomington, Indiana

RESOLUTION 2023-07

**THIS RESOLUTION SERVES AS A PUBLIC RE-COMMITMENT TO
SERVING LGBTQIA+ STUDENTS IN AN INCLUSIVE, SAFE,
AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT.**

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) established the mission of *Empowering students to maximize their educational success, to become productive, responsible global citizens;*

AND WHEREAS, the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) established the Core Values of: *Engage, Empower, Educate;*

AND WHEREAS, the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) established Empowerment as:

All students are diverse and unique. When students are empowered, self-esteem grows. All students' experiences and perspectives are assets that reflect the strength of our schools and the values of our community. Such assets, when respected, nurtured and explored, promote their academic success and the success of their peers.

AND WHEREAS, the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) supports and celebrates our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning Intersex Asexual and more (LGBTQIA+) students;

AND WHEREAS, it is the right of every child, regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, to access a free public K-12 education, and the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) welcomes and supports all students;

AND WHEREAS, the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) acknowledges that many LGBTQIA+ individuals experience high rates of bullying, victimization, and harassment;

AND WHEREAS, Indiana lawmakers have proposed controversial bills during the 2023 legislative session, such as House Bill 1608, that limit discussions on LGBTQIA+ identities and expression in the classroom; require notification to, and approval from, parents when students request name changes and different pronouns; and allow the refusal of certain teachers to recognize student pronouns;

AND WHEREAS, Indiana lawmakers' attempts to censor conversations about LGBTQIA+ and the required "outing" of some LGBTQIA+ students further discriminates against and harasses students based on their gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation;



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AND WHEREAS, the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) has a responsibility to ensure that all students, regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, can safely attend our schools, free of prohibited discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board continues to declare the Corporation to be a Safe Place for students, meaning that the Corporation is a place for LGBTQIA+ students to learn, thrive, and seek assistance, information, and support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board strongly opposes any Indiana laws or proposed legislation, including 2023 House Bill 1608, that limit the rights of LGBTQIA+ students and put them at greater risk for discrimination or harassment.

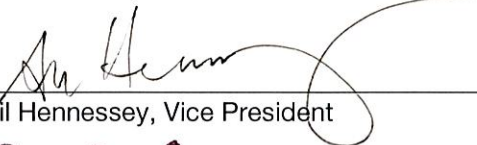
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) administration to work with members of the LGBTQIA+ community and MCCSC staff to create a policy that prohibits the bullying and/or harassment of LGBTQIA+ individuals in accordance with state and federal law, and with the review and input required by the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Adopted this 28th day of March 2023.

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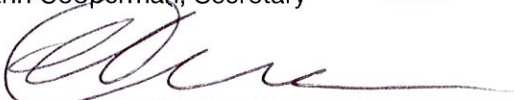
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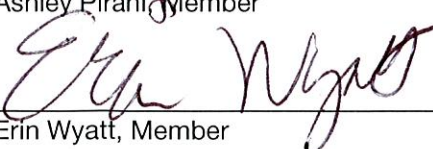
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