



Sun Prairie Area
School District
Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER,
QUESTIONING (LGBTQ+) PRIDE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Sun Prairie Area School District (SPASD) is the 13th largest school district in Wisconsin, serves 8,500 children, employs 1,350 staff members; and

WHEREAS, the SPASD educates students from early childhood through 12th grade, as well as students with disabilities in our 18-21 Transition Program, in 14 schools plus 10 community-based sites; and

WHEREAS, June is a time to celebrate our dynamic LGBTQ+ community, raise awareness of quality services, and foster dialogue to promote healthy, safe, and prosperous school climates and communities for all; and

WHEREAS, the Gay liberation movement started in 1969, inspired by the Civil Rights movement and Marsha P. Johnson was a prominent African American leader during the Stone Wall uprising who's legacy as an outspoken advocate for gay rights still stands today; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community accounts for over 10% of our population; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are twice as likely than their peers to attempt suicide; and

WHEREAS, over 92% of LGBTQ+ youth report hearing negative messages about their community, with the top source being school; and

WHEREAS, the District will continue to support students and staff of all orientations and identities, as they reflect our diverse community around us; and

WHEREAS, District Policy JB states that "No student may be unlawfully discriminated against in any school programs, activities or in facilities usage because of the student's sex (gender identity, gender expression and non-conformity to gender role stereotypes), color, religion, profession or demonstration of belief or non-belief, race, national origin (including limited English proficiency), ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, homelessness status, sexual orientation, age, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Harassment is a form of discrimination and shall not be tolerated in the district. It is the responsibility of administrators, staff members and all students to ensure that student discrimination or harassment does not occur"; and

WHEREAS, The Board unanimously passed this equity statement on June 26, 2017: The Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education stands by all of our students, staff and families. We celebrate the values of our diverse community. We support and are inclusive of all students, staff, families and community members of all races, ethnicities, faiths, national origins, immigration statuses, political viewpoints, abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities. We stand by our students with disabilities and their families. We will continue to staunchly protect the right of people of all abilities. All children will be safe and loved in our schools.....Every Child, Every Day; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board of Education and District staff to support and accept our students in times where they may struggle with their identity through policies, practices, and curriculum that honor and respect LGBTQ+ students, staff, and families; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing Pride Month we reaffirm our commitment to a supportive environment that promotes trust, growth, and achievement for all students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education proclaims the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to inspire equity, celebrate diversity, and establish inclusive environments in our District, for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Education of the Sun Prairie Area School District on the 8th day of June, 2020.

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