

Dear AUSD Families,

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Over the last two years the rights and dignity of LGBTQ+ people, especially transgender individuals, have been under attack in this country. As members of the Alameda Unified School District's LGBTQ Round Table we would like to make the following statement:

The federal government has proposed or adopted policies and regulations that we believe pose a danger to LGBTQ+ people and especially students across the country, including: the current administration's plan to redefine gender based on genitalia and gender assigned at birth; refusing to hear complaints from transgender students involving exclusion from school facilities; and deny health and housing services to LGBTQ people.

On October 21st, 2018, the New York Times published an article titled, " 'Transgender' Could Be Defined Out of Existence Under Trump Administration," detailing. We do not know how this potential policy will affect transgender and intersex individuals, but we know the results will be thoroughly detrimental to this community. You can find more details about the federal government's proposals and policies regarding transgender individuals on the [Transequality.org website](http://Transequality.org).

We as a district organization publicly oppose these policies and sincerely hope you join us in our disapproval of this blatant attack. This is especially harmful to our youth who are coming to terms with their identity and may be vulnerable to this marginalization. Our support for transgender and LGBTQ+ students has never been stronger and we are sending this message to all district families that Everyone Belongs Here, and Every Pronoun Belongs Here. For those families who have LGBTQ+ members, we are here to support and uplift you at this difficult time. We stand with you.

Ever In Support,
AUSD LGBTQ Round Table