

Proclamation Pride Month

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 District welcomes and supports all students; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that there are employees and educators of the highest caliber who are LGBTQ+ and that all employees are valued members of the school community regardless of their gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Colorado law prohibits discrimination, including discrimination based on transgender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to maintaining safe, healthy and welcoming learning environments for all members of our community including the LGBTQ+ community or those who may be perceived as such; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth who find their school to be affirming reported lower rates of suicidal thoughts; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is an opportunity to celebrate the identities and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the first Gay Pride March was held in June 1969 to commemorate the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Pride Month is rooted in that history of resistance and struggle for equal rights as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing Pride Month we affirm that supportive school environments substantially improve the mental health and school engagement of LGBTQ+ students; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing Pride Month, we support 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education proclaims the month of June 2023 as “Pride Month” in Adams 12 Five Star Schools and encourages the Superintendent and all District staff to support lessons and activities that engage students in meaningful learning about the accomplishments of the LGBTQ+ community and the experiences of our LGBTQ+ students, staff and families.

Approved and adopted by the Board of Education at a special meeting on May 24, 2023.