COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

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The board recognizes that parents/legal guardians play a vital role in the upbringing and education of their children. Therefore, the board believes that parents/legal guardians are in the best position to collaborate with their children and their healthcare providers, where applicable, to determine the names, nicknames, and pronouns to be used for their child at school and to make decisions regarding counseling or social transition related to gender identity.

Therefore, in accordance with state law, staff will not knowingly encourage or coerce a minor student to keep his or her preference to be recognized as a gender inconsistent with his or her biological sex a secret from the student's parent/legal guardian.

Further, staff will not knowingly withhold from a parent/legal guardian information concerning a minor student's gender identity when it conflicts with his or her biological sex. If a minor student asserts to any staff member that his or her gender is inconsistent with his or her biological sex, the staff member must notify the principal or their designee who will then immediately notify in writing the student's parent/legal guardian.

Similarly, if a minor student requests staff to address him or her using a pronoun or title that is inconsistent with his or her biological sex, the staff member must notify the principal or their designee who will then immediately notify in writing the student's parent/legal guardian.

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
   1. Section 59-32-36 - Comprehensive Health Education Program.