

**Resolution of the Board of Education
Orange County California**

Opposing Assembly Bill 1955 Regarding Parent Notification

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Education (“OCBE”) is a publicly elected board of education with numerous responsibilities for staff and student safety, curriculum decisions, and advancing policy and governance structure throughout Orange County California; and

WHEREAS, the OCBE considers advocacy for public policies, governance positions and laws an important part of its role in advocating for the rights of parents and children in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the OCBE ACCESS program has policies in place that adhere to 20 USC 6318, mandating that each district receiving Federal Title I, Part A, funds have written parental involvement policies developed jointly with, and agreed upon by parents/guardians of students; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code 51101 mandates school districts adopt policies on parental involvement applicable to each school that does not receive Title I funds; and

WHEREAS, the OCBE unanimously passed its policy on Parental Rights, Board Policy (“BP”) 600-2, in February 2023, granting parents a right to be informed of their child’s use of gender pronouns in OCBE ACCESS schools; and

WHEREAS, the OCBE continues to show unwavering support for Board policy 600-2 the essence of which policy states: *“The OCBE recognizes that parents/guardians are the children’s first and most influential teachers and that active parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment.”*; and

WHEREAS, the OCBE continues to believe that underage youth are emotionally and mentally incapable of making temporary or permanent life changing decisions on their own without parental knowledge, consent and input; and

WHEREAS, On July 15, 2024, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (“AB”) 1955 which prohibits school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and the state special schools, and a member of the governing board or body of those educational entities, from enacting or enforcing any policy, rule, or administrative regulation that requires an employee or a contractor to disclose any information related to a pupil’s sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to any other person without the pupil’s consent unless otherwise required by law; and

WHEREAS, the OCBE recognizes that childhood and adolescence can precipitate anxiety and mental health challenges; and OCBE members value constituents concerns and principles; and

WHEREAS, the OCBE prioritizes and supports high risk youth including LGBTQ youth, and opposes anti-transgender or anti-LGBTQ legislation.

WHEREFORE, in support of its role to advocate for the rights of parents and children, the OCBE declares:

1. Opposition to AB 1955 as a law that will fundamentally hurt transgender and LGBTQ youth throughout Orange County and the State of California.
2. Parents have the inherent natural and constitutional right to direct the upbringing of their children, and that AB 1955 opposes these rights.
3. Intentions to initiate legal proceedings for the purpose of challenging the lawfulness of AB 1955 in the federal courts.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

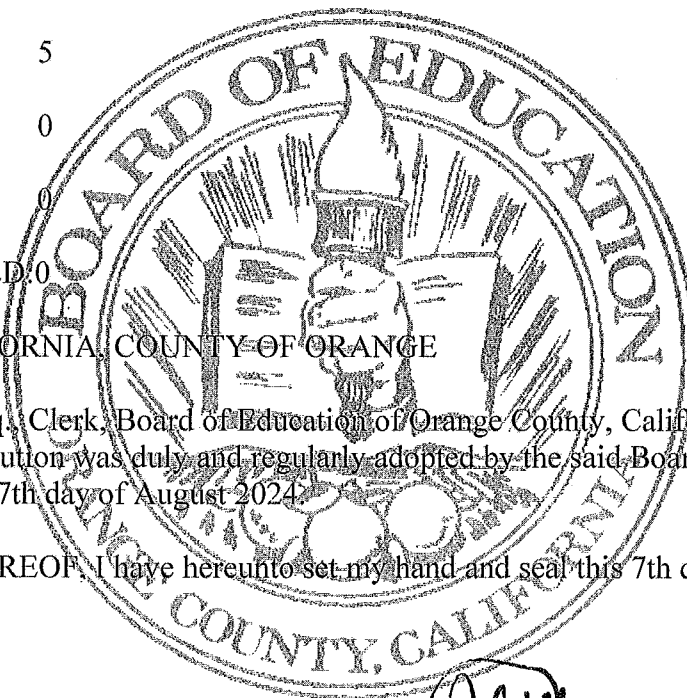
ABSENT: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, Jorge Valdes, Esq., Clerk, Board of Education of Orange County, California hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of August 2024.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of August 2024.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge Valdes", is written over a horizontal line.

Jorge Valdes, Esq., Clerk of the Board
Orange County Board of Education