



# David Douglas School District

## LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month celebrations include people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Two-Spirit, Pansexual, Asexual, Genderfluid, Nonbinary, Intersex, and allies; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village in New York City and sparked a riot, led by Black and brown trans activists, leading to six days of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement known as the Stonewall Riots<sup>1</sup>, which later served as a catalyst for the gay rights movement in the United States and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Portland has a rich history of LGBTQ community leaders, including activist and founder of Portland's first Pride march Kathleen Saadat<sup>2</sup>, judge and Asian Pacific Islander Pride co-founder Lynn Nakamoto<sup>3</sup>, founding board member of Portland's Q Center and PDX Latinx Pride David Martinez<sup>4</sup>, and founder of the Portland Two Spirit Society Amanda Brings Plenty-Wright<sup>5</sup>, among countless others; and

**WHEREAS**, we must acknowledge that the LGBTQ community has faced and continues to face systematic discrimination including restricted rights, social stigma, challenges accessing healthcare<sup>6</sup> and other basic social services<sup>7</sup>, and startling rates of violence<sup>8 9</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a recent DDSD student survey, 5% of middle school students and 4% of DDSD high school students<sup>10</sup> reported that they identify outside of the gender binary, and, there are an estimated 150,000 transgender youth nationwide between the ages of 13 and 17<sup>11</sup>. However, more than half of all trans and gender expansive youth reported they had no access to a school restroom that matched their gender identity, and only 1 in 3<sup>12</sup> were always called their true name while at school; and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.history.com/topics/gay-rights/the-stonewall-riots>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.reed.edu/reed-magazine/articles/2018/kathleen-saadat-voice-of-conscience.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.glapn.org/6313LynnNakamoto.html>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.glapn.org/6306davidmartinez.html> and <http://www.latnet.org/david-martinez>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.glapn.org/6350AmandaBringsPlentyWright2013.html> and <https://proudqueer.com/pqmonthly/pqmonthly-may-2015/i-work-for-my-people-my-community-amanda-brings-plenty-wright>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4802845/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/visualization/lgbt-stats/?topic=LGBT#economic>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.glaad.org/sites/default/files/MTAN/More%20Than%20A%20Number%20-%20GLAAD.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/multimedia/2015/lgbt-violence/lgbt-violence-forms.html>

<sup>10</sup> All DDSD information cited from YouthTruth survey given during the 2021-22 school year

<sup>11</sup> Movement Advancement Project and GLSEN. "Separation and Stigma: Transgender Youth & School Facilities." April 2017. <http://lgbtmap.org/transgender-youth-school>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.hrc.org/resources/2018-lgbtq-youth-report>



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**WHEREAS**, according to a recent DDS D student survey 53% of middle school students and 44% of high school students do not identify as straight<sup>10</sup>. Despite the size of these groups, lesbian, gay, and bisexual, pansexual and other queer students at DDS D high schools and middle schools, were twice as likely to report having been bullied in the past year, and gay or lesbian high school students in particular reported twice as much physical bullying as other students; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a recent DDS D student survey, of the students that reported being bullied, 21% of DDS D middle school students and 31% of DDS D high school students reported being bullied and harassed because of their gender and 39% of DDS D middle students and 41% of DDS D high school students reported being bullied and harassed 'Because people think I'm gay (whether I am or not)<sup>10</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, schools in our district run groups that support the social and emotional needs of our LGBTQ students, including Pride Clubs at our high schools and middle schools. These clubs work to promote LGBTQ inclusion in schools, such as gender neutral bathrooms; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Stephanie D. Stephens, Chair of the David Douglas School Board of Directors, do hereby proclaim June 1st through June 30th, 2022 to be

**LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH**  
in the David Douglas School District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the David Douglas School Board of Directors strongly encourages our staff and community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the contributions of LGBTQ+ people to our country, our state, our cities, and our schools.

Signed: 

Vice Chair, David Douglas School District Board