



Commitment to Create A Safe Space Resolution

The Board of Education
Pittsburg Unified School District
Resolution 18-54

Theme: Creating a Safe Space towards Tolerance and Equality.

Resolution Regarding the Board's Commitment to Ensure that Our Schools are Equitable and Safe Spaces for All Students

WHEREAS, as reflected in our Shared Core Value of Equity, we celebrate our diversity and will provide the necessary resources and supports to eliminate barriers to success and foster a more equitable future for all of our kids; and

WHEREAS, the core mission of Pittsburg Unified School District is to ensure that every child succeeds every day; and

WHEREAS, any resident in the state of California who has attained the age of six years and is under the age of 21 years is entitled to attend public school in the school district where he or she is a resident; and

WHEREAS, under Supreme Court law, all children are entitled to a public education regardless of their immigration status or the status of their parents; and

WHEREAS, public schools and school districts in California are subject to all federal and state laws and constitutional provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy status, veteran status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, no otherwise qualified student, employee, applicant for employment or member of the public shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination under any district program or activity on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy status, veteran status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that national events and the current political climate have caused uncertainty and anxiety for many in our communities; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal and the commitment of this District to cultivate a safe and supportive learning environment for all, to embrace and value our diversity, and to act quickly to prevent and address any and all issues of discrimination and harassment in our schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Pittsburg Unified School District Board of Education publicly affirms its dedication and commitment to all of the students and families that we serve, the employees in our District, and the members of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent at a regularly scheduled meeting during the school year to present to the Board of Education ways that the district is creating and providing a safe space for all students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to post a copy of this resolution at each School Site and the District Office; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED, on February 6, 2019 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

Duane Smith, Board President