

RESOLUTION

Whereas it is the duty of the Duval County School Board to maximize parental involvement in the education of their children;

Whereas, the Florida Legislature passed and Governor DeSantis signed the law titled “Parental Rights in Education” (the “Law”);

Whereas, the Law requires school districts to adopt procedures for notifying parents of any change to a student's services or monitoring related to the students mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being;

Whereas, school districts may not adopt procedures or student support forms that prohibit notifying parents about the mental, emotional, physical health, or well-being or a change in services or monitoring or encourage a student to withhold information from parents;

Whereas the Parental Rights in Education law prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in kindergarten through Grade 3 or in manner that is not age appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with state standards;

Whereas the Duval County Public Schools has published a LGBTQ+ “Support Guide” (“Guide”) that states “it is never appropriate to divulge the sexual orientation of a student to a parent”;

Whereas the Guide further instructs Duval County school personnel, without any parental involvement, to have children decide on their bathroom of choice, shower and other facility accommodations such as overnight excursions; and

Whereas the Guide was not voted on or approved by the Duval County School Board;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the Duval County School Board:

1. Unequivocally supports the Parental Rights in Education bill passed by the Florida Legislature and enacted into law by Governor Ron DeSantis;
2. Disapproves the provisions of the Duval County Public Schools’ LGBTQ+ Support Guide set forth in this resolution and the similar provisions therein; and
3. Thanks Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature for their leadership in defending parents’ rights to exercise authority over their children and to teach their children their values, morals, and beliefs.