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Resolution In Support Of District 3 LGBTQ+ Students and Families

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WHEREAS, New York’s Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) seeks to prevent discrimination on the basis of a student’s gender identity or expression.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE) to maintain a safe and supportive school environment for all students, free from harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying and free from discrimination on account of actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the NYC DOE to provide policies and programs that are specifically supportive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning (LGBTQ+) students, families, and staff across the five boroughs.

WHEREAS, there are reports that many schools in New York have policies or practices that are discriminatory against LGBTQ+ students.

WHEREAS, there have been increased concerns across New York City and within the District 3 community regarding discrimination against, and failures to support, LGBTQ+ students and families.

WHEREAS, negative treatment by others, such as bullying and/or discrimination, is linked and consistent risk factor for suicidal behavior, ideation, and attempts among youth.

WHEREAS, transgender and nonbinary students in particular have been found to experience gender-based discrimination in school and bullying at significantly greater rates than their straight and cisgender peers.

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ students are four times as likely than their peers to contemplate suicide.

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ students who reported their school to be LGBTQ+ affirming report significantly lower rates of being bullied as compared to students in schools that are not LGBTQ+ affirming.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the climate of activists trying to undo NYC DOE safeguards for LGBTQ+ students and families, Community Education Council 3 (CEC3) affirms the commitment to supporting schools and the NYC DOE in maintaining LGBTQ+ affirming environments, with “affirming” interpreted as creating an environment where LGBTQ+ youth are less likely to experience bullying.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CEC3 affirms commitment to supporting DASA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CEC3 affirms commitment to supporting NYCDOE stated policies in support of LGBTQ+ students and families.