



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution # 12

Gender Neutral Bathroom at Wasilla High School

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

1. **Whereas**, sex relates to your sex chromosomes and biological attributes;¹
2. **Whereas**, gender is a personal trait and social positions that members of society attach to¹;
3. **Whereas**, the Matsu School Board revoked title 9 and trans students must now use the bathroom that correlates with their assigned sex at birth;
4. **Whereas**, this new policy is outing trans students who have previously been using the bathroom that correctly corresponds with their gender identity and they now have to use the nurses bathroom;
5. **Whereas**, students are no longer allowed to use the bathroom that corresponds with their gender identity;
6. **Whereas**, Wasilla High has 12 bathrooms, 5 mens, 5 women, the nurses, and special education bathroom;
7. **Whereas**, the bathrooms by the auto shop at WHS would be the ones upgraded into gender neutral bathrooms;
8. **Whereas**, the only cost would be the new signs outside the bathroom;
9. **Whereas**, having a gender neutral bathroom can decrease bullying;³
10. **Whereas**, “A 2017 survey about the school experiences of 23,001[sexually and gender diverse] SGD students in the United States found that almost 43% of students avoided toilets at school due to safety concerns or feelings of discomfort”³;
11. **Whereas**, having gender neutral restrooms is inclusive;
12. **Whereas**, gender-neutral bathrooms bring a sense of security;
13. **Whereas**, 82% of transgender persons have considered suicide²;

14. **Whereas**, 40% of transgender persons have attempted suicide²;
15. **Whereas**, The inclusivity of students who struggle with gender dysphoria in restrooms will greatly benefit those same students because of the removal of previously harmful policies that have disenfranchised them because they don't identify with their assigned sex at birth;

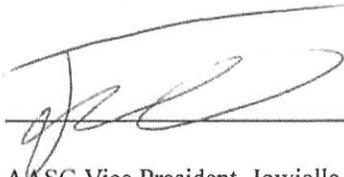
Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports a gender inclusive (stall based) bathroom remodel in Wasilla High School.

Action Statement: If passed by the General Assembly of AASG, we would bring this resolution to the principle of Wasilla High and the Matsu Borough School Board.

Sources:

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3. Francis, Jacinta, et al. "Gender-Neutral Toilets: A Qualitative Exploration of Inclusive School Environments for Sexuality and Gender Diverse Youth in Western Australia." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, MDPI, 15 Aug. 2022, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9407760/#abstract-1title>.

Passed by the Fall 2022 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Wasilla High School



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