# Making Schools Safer For Trans Kids - Resources & Links

#### **Schools**

- Meet with the principal to request specific changes that would make the school safer or more welcoming for your child. (ex: accessible all-gender bathrooms, forms that have inclusive gender questions)
- Trevor Project Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Young People
- Youth Pride, Inc. resource for GSA leaders
- Inclusive Curriculum Standards | GLSEN
- Tips for Sustaining Youth Activism

# **School Sports**

- RIIL policy (section 3B) <a href="https://www.riil.org/page/3033">https://www.riil.org/page/3033</a>
- "The RIIL has concluded that it would be fundamentally unjust and contrary to applicable state
  and federal laws, to preclude a student from participation on a gender specific sports team that is
  consistent with the public gender identity of that student for all other purposes. Therefore, for
  purposes of sports participation, the RIIL shall defer to the determination of the student and his or
  her local school regarding gender identification"

### School committees

- Write to your school committee members, superintendent, and principal.
- Attend School Committee meetings and voice your opinion.
- RIDE policies
- Model State Anti-Bullying & Harassment Legislation | GLSEN

#### Libraries

- Contact your local library and let them know you support adding LGBTQ+ titles to their collections, especially books dealing with Trans health.
- Mombian database for finding book reviews for books with trans main characters:
- How to recommend books to your library
  - o Check the library catalog first to make sure they don't have it
  - Fill out the <u>OSLRI</u> recommendation form
- Join your local chapter of a group like Unite Against Book Bans to become more active.
- Buy and donate quality books to your school library and/or school GSA.

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# Legislative

Contact your <u>elected officials</u> and voice your concerns.

## Two bills related to book banning in House:

H6324 (linked): OPPOSED

- From the Public's Radio: New bill would hold RI school libraries liable for "obscene" material
- From the Public's Radio: Lawmaker says new obscenity bill should apply to all RI libraries
- From the Public's Radio: <u>The Weekly Catch from May 5th includes a 10 minute interview with Steven Brown (RI ACLU)</u>, Marianne Mirando (school librarian in Westerly) and me about H6324 (and H6066). The interview panel starts at about 6-7 minutes into the show.

H6066 (linked): IN FAVOR

From the RI ACLU: <u>Letter of support</u>

### Three bills about trans students currently introduced in state Senate:

Senate Bill No. 391

**BY** E Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT (Categorizes women by their biological identity at birth rather than their gender identity for purpose of organized sports.)

Senate Bill No. 487

BY E Morgan, Rogers, DeLuca

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires separate restrooms and sleeping quarters for members of the opposite sex at school overnight trips.)

Senate Bill No. 957

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**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires all public and charter schools notify the parents of any of their students makes disclosures about their gender identity or expression of their desire to take actions inconsistent, with their biological sex at birth.)

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