

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 755

WHEREAS, proposed House Bill 755, the "Parents' Bill of Rights," will create significant confusion and the likelihood of litigation regarding provisions stating that a parent has an undefined "right to direct the education and care of his or her child";

WHEREAS, House Bill 755 would deny children access to age-appropriate information regarding sexual orientation and gender identity;

WHEREAS, House Bill 755 is inconsistent with Title IX guidance that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity;

WHEREAS, House Bill 755 would subject public schools, traditional and charter, to litigation regarding the decision-making process for curriculum and resources available; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 755 would encourage discrimination against LGBTQIA+ students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Asheville City Board of Education affirms and supports the right of parents and caregivers to be involved in the education of their student. Furthermore, the Board supports all parental and student rights in existing law. Finally, the Board hereby affirms that every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Furthermore, the Board hereby asserts that parental rights are being adequately addressed in law and on an individual basis by educational professionals and further legislative action is not necessary.

Read and Approved, this the ____ day of June 2022 in open session.

James C. Carter, Chair

Martha Geitner, Vice Chair