

Sacramento City Unified School District  
**Board of Education Meeting**

June 20, 2024


**Written Public Comments**

Name:	Sacramento LGBT Community Center
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	9.4
Comment:	<p>The Sacramento LGBT Community Center works to create a region where all LGBTQ+ people thrive; we support health and wellness, advocate for equity and justice, and work to uplift our diverse and culturally rich LGBTQ+ community. The Center is commenting in strong support of Resolution No. 3423 and its goal to require the installation of gender-neutral restroom facilities on district school campuses.</p> <p>According to the 2019 National School Climate Survey, 45% of LGBTQ+ students reported avoiding using gender-segregated school restrooms because they felt uncomfortable or unsafe. A lack of all-gender restrooms forces some students, especially non-binary folks, to use facilities that do not align with their gender identity at the expense of their mental health or to avoid the restroom entirely at the expense of their physical health. Students may suffer from dehydration, urinary tract infections, or other health problems if they cannot reliably use an accessible and affirming restroom.</p> <p>All students deserve equitable access to restrooms at school and this resolution is a necessary step to ensure LGBTQ+ youth can focus on their academics rather than the barriers they need to overcome when accessing essential facilities. We thank the Student Advisory Council for their leadership on this issue and urge the board's support on this important resolution.</p>

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Name:	Beth Hassett
School:	N/A
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Comment:	<p>Dear Board Members:</p> <p>WEAVE is Sacramento County’s primary provider of domestic violence services and the sole rape crisis center. Our mission is to promote safe and healthy relationships and supporting survivors of sexual assault, dating violence, and sex trafficking.</p> <p>We are commenting on Agenda Item #9.4 regarding approving resolution No. 3423: Gender Neutral Restrooms. Our partnership with SCUSD spans decades and our collaboration is rooted in transforming attitudes and norms, creating safe spaces where students can thrive, and empowering youth to be agents of change in their own community. WEAVE Educators are embedded throughout SCUSD, connecting with campus cultures and experiences of students on each site. We believe that transgender and gender-nonconforming students deserve school sites that openly and proudly affirm their identity. Providing gender-neutral restrooms on campus is one way the district can foster a culture of welcoming and belonging for all students.</p> <p>WEAVE stands with the LGBTQ+ Task Force and Youth Development Support Services in this call to install gender-neutral restrooms on all district campuses. Transgender and gender-nonconforming students deserve unrestricted access to inclusive and equitable restrooms that prioritize safety, comfort, and overall-wellbeing. This Resolution is a tangible opportunity for SCUSD to illustrate their commitment to being a Safe Haven District and continue supporting fundamental rights for LGBTQ+ students. WEAVE strongly urges SCUSD to approve Resolution No 3423: Gender Neutral Restrooms.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>  <p>Beth Hassett Chief Executive Officer</p>

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