

## **RPS Transgender Student Protection Resolution**

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Whereas on September 16, 2022, Governor Glenn Youngkin released the “2022 Model Policies on the Privacy, Dignity, and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia’s Public Schools” rolling back advancements made to protect transgender students in prior years.

Whereas the new guidance limits the rights and protections of transgender students requiring that:

- Students must only use bathrooms and locker rooms associated with the sex assigned to them at birth;
- If a student wants to participate in a sport or other extracurricular activities, they must, again, only participate in teams that align with the sex assigned at birth;
- The legal name and sex of a student can't be changed "even upon written instruction of a parent or eligible student" without an official legal document or court order;
- And teachers and other school officials can only refer to a student by their pronouns associated with their sex at birth.

Whereas transgender students deserve to learn and thrive in an environment free of bullying, intimidation, and fear.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Richmond City Public School Board rejects Governor Youngkin’s model policies and affirms its commitment to providing protections for all students regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.