

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2016, Legislative Day No. 34

Resolution No. 57-16

Introduced by Mr. Fink, Mr. Peroutka, Mr. Grasso and Mr. Walker

By the County Council, September 6, 2016

1 RESOLUTION urging the Anne Arundel County Board of Education (the “School
2 Board”) to adopt a policy which allows for the consideration of any individual student’s need
3 for accommodation without infringing upon any constitutional and natural rights of other
4 students or parents of other students within the Anne Arundel County Public Schools
5 (“AACPS”).
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7 WHEREAS, the purpose of government is to secure and protect God given rights;
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10 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the School Board to follow all laws and
11 regulations concerning accommodation and non-discrimination; and
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13 WHEREAS, the May 2016 U.S. Department of Education resource manual titled
14 Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students
15 and the October 2015 Maryland State Department of Education manual titled
16 Providing Safe Spaces for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth:
17 Guidelines for Gender Identity Non-Discrimination are not laws or regulations, but
18 rather guidelines that are neither mandatory nor compulsory; and
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20 WHEREAS, the rights of all students within the AACPS system must be protected
21 during the consideration of an individual student’s need for accommodation; and
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23 WHEREAS, the County Council does not believe that government can effectively,
24 consistently and safely rely on determinations of gender which are based on
25 subjective factors; now, therefore, be it
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27 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby urges
28 the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to introduce and support a policy designed and
29 intended to respect the constitutional and natural rights of all children within the Anne
30 Arundel County Public School system when making alternative arrangements to
31 accommodate any student’s interest in privacy through the creation of private bathrooms,
32 locker room areas, and other spaces for any student who voluntarily seeks additional privacy;
33 and be it further
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35 *Resolved,* That no effort should be made by any school personnel to compel any student
36 to violate his or her conscience in any manner; and be it further

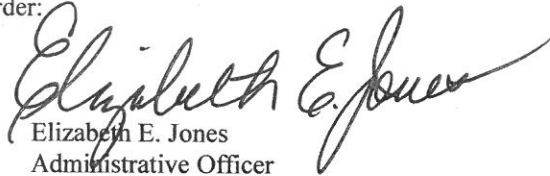
1 *Resolved*, That no school personnel take any action designed to conceal the actions or
2 policies of the teachers, administrators or the school from the parents or guardians of
3 students; now, therefore, be it

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5 *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Stacy Korbela, President, Anne
6 Arundel County Board of Education and Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent, Anne Arundel
7 County Public Schools

READ AND PASSED this 6th day of September, 2016

By Order:



Elizabeth E. Jones
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 57-16 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED
BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Derek J. Fink
Chairman