

Whereas, the Shorewood School District is committed to providing equal educational opportunities for all District students;

Whereas, in March 2014, the Shorewood School District, Wisconsin, became the first district in the Milwaukee area to implement a policy that both recognizes and protects transgender students; and.

Whereas, the official goal of the policy change is to provide a safe and appropriate learning environment for transgender students and to ensure the involvement of and respect from the district's staff; and

Whereas, Madison-based Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools director, Brian Jechums, stated that the guidelines "make it clear to students that transgender students are protected and give teachers the means to enforce that protection;" and

Whereas, within the past year at least one adult, a Milwaukee Public School teacher, and two Wisconsin teens, Cameron Langrell and Skylar Lee, have fallen to suicide after being bullied for their gender identities; and

Whereas the proposed policy violates sex protection under Federal Title IX guideline, which states clearly that in order to fully participate in daily school activities and have an equal opportunity to benefit from federally financed education programs, all students must have access to safe and convenient restrooms and locker rooms; and

Whereas in the 60 school districts, including Shorewood, that have adopted non-discrimination policy to protect transgender students there have been no increased reports of assaults;

Therefore, be it resolved, the School Board of the Shorewood School District call upon State Senator Lena Taylor and State Representative David Bowen to work with their colleagues and Governor Scott Walker to keep AB 469 from becoming law.