

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

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 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 in maintaining this environment; and

Whereas, Madison-based Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools director, Brian Jechums, stated that the policy "makes it clear to students that transgender students are protected and gives teachers the means to ensure 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, after being bullied for their gender identities have fallen to suicide; and

Whereas the newly proposed policy being put forth by the state of Wisconsin legislature and Governor violates sex protection under Federal Title IX guidelines, 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;

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