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RESOLUTION ON INCLUSIVE & COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION

WHEREAS, throughout the Osborn Elementary School District, we work to shape and prepare our students for high school and adulthood.

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of keeping children safe and addressing the issues that many students often face: bullying, difficulty defining respectful physical boundaries, problems articulating abuse issues, stigma surrounding puberty and hormonal development all impact a student's ability to obtain a proper education, to develop healthy relationships later in life and to successfully transition to adulthood.

WHEREAS, to that end, we worked to enact an inclusive health and sex education curriculum.

WHEREAS, the Osborn Elementary School District is forced to comply with an Arizona State law (ARS 15-716C) that forbids instruction which "promotes a homosexual lifestyle" or "portrays homosexuality as a positive alternative lifestyle" and that this provision is offensive, shaming, and we believe, has no place in Arizona educational policy. Osborn Elementary School District will comply with the strict requirements of the law while we work for inclusive change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Osborn Elementary School District continues its pledge to:

TEACH IN WAYS THAT INCLUDE EVERY CHILD. We will practice conscious regard for diversity among students in terms of gender and gender identities, sexual orientations, developmental stages, physical characteristics and body types, races and ethnicities, languages and countries of origin, family structure and status, abilities and disabilities, sexual experiences and histories of victimization, pregnancy, abortion and parenting experiences. In short, we will continue to honor and respect all our students and celebrate our diverse student body as our greatest strength.

Adopted this November 20 by the Osborn Elementary School District Governing Board.