

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: Resolution

Date: May 24, 2022

Dept: SC

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: yes

Recommendation:

Proposed MASC Resolution Regarding Sanctuary Laws for Trans Students

I recommend the School Committee adopt the proposed MASC Resolution regarding sanctuary laws for trans students for formal consideration by the 2022 Massachusetts Association of School Committees Delegate Assembly in November as discussed.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u>Vote Tabulator</u>	
C. Bernstein: Y / N	D. McNeill: Y / N
D. Callaghan: Y / N	M. Whitmore: Y / N
Al Charles: Y / N	D Spencer: Y / N
E Stokes: Y / N	Action: _____

Proposed MASC Resolution Regarding Sanctuary Laws for Trans Students

WHEREAS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a long history of standing for civil rights, including advocacy for a bill of rights in the U.S. Constitution, and

WHEREAS

Massachusetts codified gender identity as a protected class in the 2011 Act Relative to Gender Identity, and

WHEREAS

All children deserve a safe environment in which to grow up, and

WHEREAS

Some state governments are now criminalizing supportive medical care for trans individuals; moving to bar families from traveling to access such care; and otherwise violating the civil rights of trans children and their families, and

WHEREAS

The defense of the civil rights of the historically marginalized is contained within the first article of the Massachusetts Constitution right of “seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness,”

THEREFORE the Massachusetts Association of School Committees call on the Great and General Court to join with other states in the passage of so-called “sanctuary” laws to ensure such children and their families have “the power of enjoying, in safety and tranquility, their natural rights and the blessings of life,” as guaranteed by the Constitution of the Commonwealth.