

SAFE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR LGBTQ+ STUDENTS: The Division of Student Support Services is establishing a policy on the prohibition of discrimination and harassment based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression at Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS), and to create a school environment that is safe, welcoming, and affirming for all AACPS students, including LGBTQ+ students, regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

This first reading for this policy occurred on April 21, 2021, and the Board is now taking public comment. At the April 21, 2021 meeting, Board Member Joanna Tobin offered the following amendment for consideration. Dr. Tobin's amendment would pertain to Section C.4. The change is highlighted below.

The Board supports the right of a student to use school facilities that correspond with the gender the student consistently demonstrates and with which the student identifies as well as the right of a student to use safe and non-stigmatizing school facilities with which a student is most comfortable.