



**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PROCLAMATION  
JUNE 2023**

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**PRIDE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District is a diverse community that embraces people of all races, creeds, colors, backgrounds, sexual orientations, and gender identities; and;

**WHEREAS**, every June, communities and school districts across the United States celebrate the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer-identified; people commemorate those individuals who fight to secure equality, who experienced discrimination and have historically been disenfranchised of rights afforded to other Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District will celebrate the rights of equality and freedom secured through the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-identified people, as well as all those affected by discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District recognizes the work of local advocates and organizations like Ketchikan Pride Alliance, Ketchikan Queer Collective, Ketchikan Youth Alliance, Ketchikan Youth for Change, WISH, Kayhi GSA and The Wellness Coalition; and

**WHEREAS**, The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District recognizes disparities between LGBTQ and Non-LGBTQ People in the realms of health, employment, the justice system, and law enforcement interactions, education, housing, and immigration, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District is committed to strengthening anti discrimination protections for all KGBSD students and staff, and recognizes the resilience and determination of many individuals who are fighting to live freely and authentically.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District joins with the City of Ketchikan in proclaiming June 2023 PRIDE MONTH and affirms our obligation to uphold the dignity of all people, and to dedicate ourselves to protecting the most vulnerable among us. The district invites all community members to take the time to celebrate the valuable contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community who enrich the diversity and vitality of our school district.

Dated this 14th day of June 2023

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By Stephen Bradford, President,  
Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education