Oregon Department of Education

SB 52: LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan



2021 Legislative Session

Investing in the Success of Our LGBTQ2SIA+ Students

- SB 52 develops and implements a statewide educational plan for students who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Two-Spirit, Intersex, Asexual or plus (LGBTQ2SIA+)
- Establishes the current LGBTQ2SIA+ Advisory Group created by ODE. They released the LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan with recommendations we want to put in statute. ODE will continue to consult with the advisory group upon passage of the bill on:
 - Implementation of the plan
 - Eligibility requirement for grants
 - Applicant selection process
 - Expectation for recipients of grant awards
 - Adoption of rules by the State Board of Education
- The LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan will address
 - The need for professional learning among Oregon educators
 - Equitable access to appropriate educational curriculum, facilities and activities
 - Necessary data collection through an annual climate survey and student advisory group to inform future decision making regarding this student population
- Opportunity to invest in our marginalized youth
 - o 21-23 biennium request: \$2.2 million
 - o \$2 million in grant funding and 1 full-time policy analyst position to support implementation

Leading with Intersectionality

- Student experiences related to racial identity, tribal sovereignty, religious identity, social class, disability, geographical location, and immigration status <u>interact</u> with their experiences associated with the LGBTQ2SIA+ identity
 - The framework of the plan will support the multiple valuable identities of these students as assets, embrace their lived experiences, and create nurturing environments for these youth

We Can't Afford to Wait

- Based on a 2017 report from the Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition
 - Half of transgender-identifying Oregon youth and just under half of LGBT youth indicated suicidal ideation
 - LGBT youth are up to three times more likely to miss school based on reasonable fears of bullying, harassment, or intimidation
 - Bias-based bullying related to gender identity or sexual orientation was reported by 1 of every
 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Queer (LGBTQ+) middle school students

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