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**MA (Cont. from 1)**

MA's proclamation, which is non-binding, asserts that, while it "shall not discriminate against individuals ... in the event that their gender is not consistent with their sex," it firmly believes that laws passed by the U.S. Congress and the Colorado General Assembly that direct MA to follow specific instruction regarding non-biological gender expression or identity in determining the use of biological sex specific common bathrooms, locker rooms and specific athletic sports "violate natural law, moral truth and expose [its] students to undue harm, confusion and dysphoria."

The proclamation goes on to say that the board believes that elected representatives have the moral and ethical obligation to challenge and repeal such laws that "violate the innocence, vulnerability, well-being, privacy and safety of our children" and asks its parents and constituents to make their voices heard by contacting their representatives. See the proclamation at <https://bit.ly/ma-proclamation>.

Attendees speaking at the meeting brought up the following points:


- One parent said they didn't care

who people were or who they loved, none of it trumps biological reality and we do not mix boys and girls in this country. He said this is for transgender protection as well and recommended the school offer family bathrooms as there had already been issues that upset him.


- Another parent said that if someone's kid was LGBTQ, what matters is the safety of all children and that if someone didn't feel safe in the bathroom of their biological birth, they should be sent to an individual bathroom. She said, "The fact that this issue has occurred at our school is already horrifying."
- Another parent requested the board make a policy providing guidance to parents and teachers to protect them regarding gender. He noted that MA's dress code is meant to let kids focus on education and recognizes that school is not a place for unrestricted personal expression. However, he said, there were young men dressing in skirts at school and that he heard that a young man was cast in a woman's role in a play. He felt that was sending a message to him, as a parent, as to what MA thinks about truth and character.

Board members spoke or read statements which said:

- Board President Ryan Graham said this is not a violation of the law, simply a position this board is stating on where it stands.
- Board member Misty McCuen read her written statement, saying parents are children's primary teachers with the responsibility to guard and protect them. She said that the attempt to accommodate a few have put children in an uncomfortable place and that MA must pursue better solutions without making anyone feel discarded. She noted there had been talk of MA going off track from its original intent and that classical education



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