

**PROCLAMATION**  
***National Day of Silence***  
***April 23, 2021***

*WHEREAS*, the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) has recognized the right of all students to participate in a learning environment free from discrimination and harassment; and

*WHEREAS*, AUSD Board Policy 5145.3 specifically prohibits, among other types of harassment, any intimidation or bullying of students based on their sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

*WHEREAS*, the National Day of Silence is a student-led national event that brings attention to anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying, and harassment in schools, a day in which students from middle school to college take a vow of silence in an effort to encourage schools and classmates to address the problem of anti-LGBT behavior by illustrating the silencing effect of bullying and harassment on LGBT students and those perceived to be LGBT; and

*WHEREAS*, this year the National Day of Silence will be recognized by students around the country on April 23, 2021; and

*WHEREAS*, the Board of Education wishes to acknowledge and support the participation of students at AUSD's secondary schools in the National Day of Silence, subject to non-interference with the curriculum and instruction at those schools;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*, that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education hereby acknowledges and supports AUSD secondary students' participation in the National Day of Silence on April 23, 2021, subject to noninterference with the curriculum and instruction at AUSD schools.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED* by the following votes this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mialisa Bonta, President  
Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District  
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Pasquale Scuderi, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District  
Alameda County, State of California