

Lynden School District No. 504
Resolution #09-24

WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (WIAA)
FOR A FAIR, SAFE AND NONDISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE IN ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, in Washington State, The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) is a voluntary, nonprofit 503(c)(3) service organization. Its authority given under RCW 28A.600.200 be designation of school district's board of directors to control, supervise, and regulate the conduct of interschool athletic activities and other interschool extracurricular activities of an athletic, cultural, social or recreational nature for the student of the district, subject to certain conditions.

WHEREAS, per RCW28A.600.200 Finding- Intent- 2012 c 155: The legislature finds that the mission of the WIAA is to assist member schools in operating student programs that foster achievement, respect, equity, enthusiasm, and excellence in a safe and organized environment. The legislature intends to ensure that this mission is successfully carried out so that arbitrary sanctions that result in students unfairly being denied participate, or cause students' achievements to be diminished do not occur.

WHEREAS, the WIAA Gender Identity policy encourages a culture in which student athletes can compete in a safe and supportive environment, free of discrimination.

WHEREAS, Physiological differences matter in athletic activities that demand physical characteristics such as, but not limited to, strength, endurance, stamina and body structure, which are inherently different for the biological form of males and females.

WHEREAS, The International Olympic Committee provides framework on fairness, inclusion, and nondiscrimination with an aim to help sports bodies provide pathways to inclusion in elite sports for all athletes, without discriminating on the basis of gender identity or sex variations, while defining disproportionate advantage in ways that preserve meaningful and fair competition.

WHEREAS, controversy and discrimination can impact all athletes, including transgender athletes, in adverse ways.

WHEREAS, the Lynden School District is committed to understand the perspectives and concerns of all stakeholders to encourage policies that reflect our shared values of fairness, inclusivity, and respect.

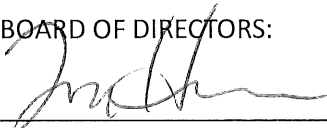
WHEREAS, all students and athletes are deserving of dignity and respect. Safe, inclusive and equitable environments for all athletes, including those who may experience discrimination due to sex, gender identity or expression must be addressed, thereby ensuring that all students have what they need to thrive and succeed in athletic and extracurricular activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lynden School Board, that the district stands steadfast in its commitment to foster achievement, respect, equity, equality, enthusiasm and excellence in a safe and organized environment.

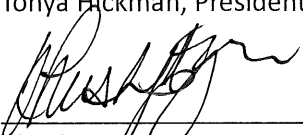
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Lynden School District do hereby direct that the District administration follow the amendment process set forth in the WIAA Handbook to develop and submit an amendment that will promote fairness in state level competitions for sex-segregated sports in order to maintain a truly equitable playing field, ensuring fairness in competition while preventing harm to student athletes in the form of diminishing achievements and discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, or expression.

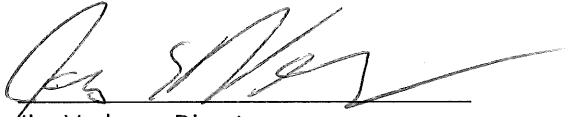
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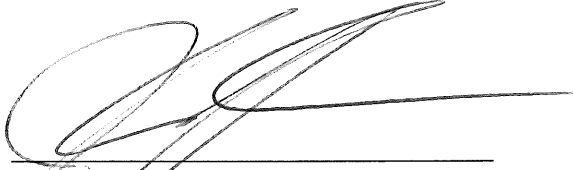
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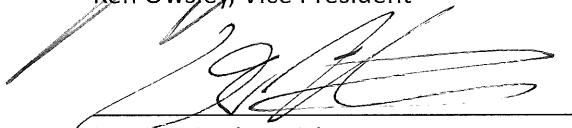
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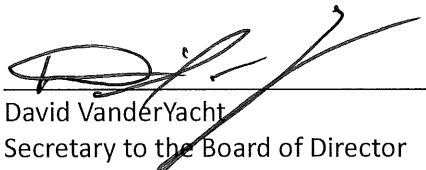


Ken Owsley, Vice President



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Secretary to the Board of Director