

LGBTQ VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Michigan's public schools are being advised to allow transgender students to use the bathroom and locker room corresponding to their gender identity under a guidance document the State Board of Education (SBE) approved along party lines. Citing current federal interpretation of civil rights laws -- an interpretation facing a legal challenge from several states -- the document says transgender students have the right to use the bathroom of their gender identity if they choose, and that no transgender student should be forced to use a changing facility incongruent with their gender identity. MANS offered comments on the originally proposed guidance in March urging that the SBE not adopt the guidelines largely because of the minimizing of the parental role on this issue.