

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 349

Reps. Hornberger, Harris, Lightner, Fink, Borton, Green, Rendon, Allor, Roth, Bollin, Calley, Steven Johnson, Martin, LaFave, Slagh, Yaroch, Bezotte, Outman, Eisen and Whiteford offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to condemn the Michigan Department of Education's  
2 teacher training videos on student gender orientation and reaffirm  
3 the fundamental right of parents to direct the education of their  
4 children.

5       Whereas, The fundamental right of parents over the upbringing  
6 of their children has been unequivocally established in the United  
7 States. Parents are in the best position to know their children's  
8 needs and circumstances, and therefore should maintain authority  
9 over all information and decisions that could impact the health and  
10 well-being of their children; and

Whereas, Portions of the Michigan Department of Education's LGBTQ teacher training videos suggest not telling parents their child's gender orientation, sexual orientation, or pronouns. These videos train teachers that they do not have to disclose a child's gender or sexual orientation even if it is contributing to the child's suicidal thoughts. This not only puts a child's life at risk, but it also denies parents their fundamental right to protect the health and safety of their children. Further, this is an all-out affront to our constitution that clearly establishes that parental rights are sacred and secured. The offensive nature of these videos clearly represents the out of touch perspective of the Michigan Department of Education and this Administration who routinely demonstrate their disdain for parents and parents' rights; and

Whereas, Parents' fundamental right to direct the care, teaching, and education of their children is infringed upon when school districts do not have total transparency and do not defer to parents regarding their children's gender identity, sexual orientation, preferred pronouns, or any other issue related to their child's gender identity known to the school. Parents have the right to direct any discussion regarding these topics with their children. Michigan's public schools should not promote exploration of gender identity, gender fluidity, or sexual orientation without parental consent. These topics are highly sensitive and, at the very least, require active involvement of parents who are the primary principals in their children's development; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we condemn the Michigan Department of Education's teacher training videos on

1 student gender orientation and reaffirm the fundamental right of  
2 parents to direct the education of their children; and be it  
3 further

4 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
5 Governor of Michigan, the State Superintendent of Public  
6 Instruction, and the State Board of Education.