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Dear Parents and Staff:

With the start of a new school year, I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Bayonne Board of Education is committed to provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment for all students regardless of their gender identity or gender expression. In furthering this goal, the Board adopted Policy 5756 to ensure all students have equal education opportunities and equal access to the school district's educational programs and activities. The Board, administration, and all school staff members will ensure full compliance with all Federal and State laws and regulations to ensure that no student shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of their gender identity or gender expression.

Under Policy 5756, the District and its staff members will ensure the privacy of any student's gender identity and gender expression and will not disclose or acknowledge a student's transgender status unless required to do so in accordance with Federal or State law or regulations or with appropriate consent for such disclosure. This includes inquiries by parents, which must be handled on a case-by-case basis with due consideration for the health, well-being, and safety of the student.

I look forward to a productive school year and appreciate your attention on this subject.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Michael A. Wanko
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