

MEA Resolution # 11

Title: Oppose Conversion/Reparative Therapy

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Text of proposal: Amend MEA Resolutions Section A-15 (Student Rights and Responsibilities) to include the following:

The Michigan Education Association opposes the use of conversion/reparative therapy aimed at changing the sexual orientation or gender identity of students.

Rationale:

This language would be in line with the NEA Resolutions Document. With the recent decision from the 6th Circuit Court putting a stay on the new Michigan law prohibiting this practice on youth, it is important that the MEA be at the forefront of protecting our students from this harmful practice.

Every major medical and mental health organization including the American Medical Association, American Psychological Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics has condemned conversation therapy as harmful and ineffective.