

at birth. Yuen said genderfluid students might find it helpful to wear different clothing styles to match their identity on a given day. She said one of the reasons for a dress code is to keep MA students safe, but reminding transgender students that they are in the wrong body is not safe or advisable and can contribute to suicide rates.

Yuen said she stands up for what's right and fights for students' safety and comfort and would not like to support a school that doesn't support its students due to close-minded and prejudiced beliefs and values. Fi-

nally, referencing the Colorado Department of Education's page on gender and sexual orientation which links to House Bill 21-1108 and the Civil Rights Commission rule 3 CCR 708-1 prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity and expression, she said enforcing the policy could be considered gender-based harassment.

Board member Joe Buczkowski expressed concern about voting without a legal review of the policy. High school Principal David Kennington said that legal counsel had reviewed the policy and provided feedback. Responding to public comments, Kennington noted the dress code's purposes and design are addressed in the front of the policy and have to do with respect, character, and citizenship. The policy, he said, does not address how the school supports students based on their gender

identity, nor does it address facility use.

Asked how the school would enforce the policy if a student whose gender identity is different than their assigned gender violates the policy, Kennington said he was not in a position to answer that. The origin of the dress code shows that MA prefers very general guidelines that establish what it wants its culture and climate to become, he said, noting that this approach calls students to broad ideas consistent with a classical education.

After noting that Miller had reviewed the policy, the board unanimously voted to accept the changes as proposed. The uniform and dress code policies can be found, along with other policies, at <https://bit.ly/ma-bd-policies>.

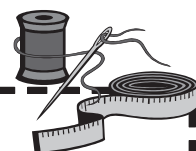
#### Eighth-grade exit survey results

Kennington presented the results of a June 15 survey sent out to every family who indicated an intent to attend high school elsewhere. The survey, which was open for about a month, got 55 responses to its five questions. Students going into ninth grade represented the majority of respondents, with 5% going into 10th grade.

Kennington said responses indicated students were staying in D38 but leaving MA because of a limited curriculum, too few courses, high teacher turnover and absenteeism, few opportunities for sports and extracurricular clubs, not feeling like a high school experience, instability, small size, and lack of rigor. Kennington said the district's Project Lead the Way class and a full slate

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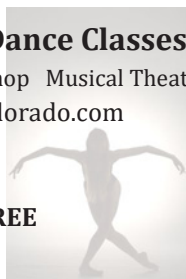
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