



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 22, 2017

CONTACT:

Mayor's Press Office

312.744.3334

press@cityofchicago.org

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON FEDERAL TRANSGENDER POLICIES

"While tonight federal protections for transgender students have been rolled back, I want to be clear that the City of Chicago's and Chicago Public Schools policies providing equal rights to transgender residents and students will remain unchanged. Chicago will stay steadfast in our commitment to fight for equality and against discrimination in all its forms."

In May 2016, Chicago Public Schools announced guidelines to support transgender students, employees and adults to ensure CPS schools are safe, welcoming environments for everyone in the school community. The guidelines ensured students have access to the restrooms and locker rooms that correspond with their gender identity.

http://cps.edu/News/Press_releases/Pages/PR1_05_03_2016.aspx

In June 2016, the City of Chicago passed an ordinance to prohibit public accommodations like hotels, restaurants or grocery stores from requiring patrons to show a government issued ID upon request to access its facilities that are private in nature such as restrooms based on a person's biological category, his or her gender identity, or both.

<https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/mayor/Press%20Room/Press%20Releases/2016/June/6.22.16ProtectResidentsfromDiscrimination.pdf>

###