

## Support for 2SLGBTQIA+ Students, Staff, and Families and SOGI-inclusive Education

Dear qathet School District School Communities,

We are writing this statement of support to strongly reaffirm the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)'s unwavering support for inclusivity, diversity, and SOGI-inclusive education within qathet School District.

SOGI-inclusive education is designed to create a safe and inclusive environment for all students, staff, and families, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. It aims to combat discrimination by fostering representation of all types of people and enhancing awareness of the experiences and challenges faced by 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals.

DPAC supports the educational goals of our school communities and the three pillars of SOGI-inclusive education: **(1) policies and procedures** (e.g., a school's code of conduct and anti-bullying policies, etc.); **(2) inclusive environments** (e.g., welcoming language, rainbow stickers, pride flags, etc.); and **(3) curriculum resources** (e.g., access to resources that represent different family structures, books with strong messages of acceptance, etc.). These three pillars work together to proactively create safe, inclusive learning environments for all students.

We encourage everyone to learn more about the current BC curriculum and understand why it is crucial that sexual orientation and gender identity is part of public education. It is our commitment to continue supporting our parent and caregiver communities in their education about the significance of SOGI education and how it profoundly benefits our children.

For further information and resources:

- [Introduction to SOGI-inclusive Education](#) from BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (presentation)
- [erase: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#) (website)
- [SOGI 123](#) (website)
- [SOGI Non-truths and Truths](#) from Ministry of Education and Child Care (handout)
- [SOGI-inclusive Education Myth Busting](#) from Ministry of Education and Child Care (handout)

Signed,

qathet School District Parent Advisory Council (SD47)