



MEDIA RELEASE

BCSTA statement on Barry Neufeld's comments about SOGI policies

Please see below a statement from BCSTA President Gordon Swan on Barry Neufeld's Facebook post regarding SOGI policies and initiatives:

BCSTA does not support, nor agree with the position taken by Chilliwack school trustee Barry Neufeld. Our Association strongly believes that schools need to be safe and welcoming places for ALL students, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion or background. It is important that we all stand up and defend our students and our staff against any incidents of prejudice, bullying or discrimination.

*BCSTA issued a message of support for SOGI policies and initiatives on September 22, 2017.
[Read it here.](#)*

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