

President Carolyn Broady
British Columbia School Trustees Association
1580 W Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6J 5K9

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RE: Ensuring inclusivity for all B.C. students

Dear President Broady,

Our education system plays an integral role in developing our province's young minds. For some students, school may be the only place they feel safe, and they need to be able to continue to access resources that help and support them when they need it most. To continue this, we must ensure our schools are inclusive and free from discrimination.

It is crucial that we as legislators, uphold the B.C. Human Rights Code, which protects students from discrimination based on Indigenous identity, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age. Unfortunately, many students continue to be subjected to discrimination that threatens their well-being.

At BC United, we strive to bring people together and advocate for inclusion for all who call our province home. We have been leaders in conducting important work in fostering inclusive schools and implementing important anti-bullying modules and educational resources, like SOGI123. We reinforce our commitment to defending all students so that no one has to face hatred or discrimination within our schools.

A BC United government would continue our efforts to create positive and inclusive learning spaces, while we work on combatting all forms of bullying in our schools, as well as online.

Sincerely,



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BC United MLA for Surrey South
Official Opposition Shadow Minister for Education



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Cc: MLA Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care
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BC Association of School Business Officials
BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association
BC Teachers' Federation
CUPE BC
BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
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