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Carolyn Broady, President
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Dear Carolyn Broady:

Thank you for your letter of November 1, 2023, in follow up to your meeting with Premier Eby to discuss disruptions and protests in school districts. I apologize for the lengthy delay in responding formally. BC's school system is expected to create and maintain conditions that foster success for all students and promote fair and equitable treatment for all, and I deeply appreciate your partnership in this work.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care continues to track anti-Sexual Orientation Gender Identity (SOGI) disruptions on and around school grounds and at board or education meetings, as well as reaching out to districts to make sure they have the supports and safety plans in place as needed. Please continue to share with us any disruptions or planned disruptions of which you are aware. We appreciate you providing these examples of the disruptions that are happening in the province, and the personal impacts trustees have experienced.

In response to a marked increase in disruptions such as those mentioned in your letter, and to help ensure safe and inclusive learning environments, the Province is considering your request for measures to protect children, parents/guardians, educators, and staff working in K-12 schools.

We recognize that there is a lot of misinformation specifically on what SOGI-Inclusive Education is and is not. In response, the Ministry has published a [SOGI non-truths and truths document](#) that has been translated into multiple languages that is available on the *erase* website.

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The Ministry will continue to collaborate with education partners to prioritize the safety and respect of students, educators, school staff, elected officials and their families. I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns, and highly value your continued support. As always, I am glad to meet and talk further as we work together to build safe, caring, and inclusive school environments across BC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Singh', with a horizontal line underneath the 'h'.

Rachna Singh
Minister

cc: Honourable David Eby, Premier
Suzanne Hoffman, CEO, BCSTA Board of Directors
Teresa Downs, President, British Columbia School Superintendents Association
Ray Velestuk, President, British Columbia Association of School Business Officials