
September 19, 2023

Re: Strong Support for 2SLGBTQAI+ Inclusion in SD 71

We, the signatories of this letter, wish to express our wholehearted support for the values of inclusivity, diversity, and the advancement of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) rights. As we strive for more inclusive and equitable educational environments, we firmly believe that embracing diversity is paramount for the well-being and growth of our entire community.

Our unwavering dedication is to provide a high-quality education and safe atmosphere for our students, staff, families, and community members. We recognize the significance of honoring and celebrating the diverse identities and backgrounds within our school community. We are resolute in our commitment to fostering a school environment that is devoid of discrimination or harassment rooted in sexual orientation or gender identity.

We have seen the harm inflicted by anti-2SLGBTQAI+ movements and the direct impact on the well-being of our students, staff, and families who require our steadfast support. As a district, we have made significant strides in establishing safe schools and remain firmly committed to ensuring that every student experiences a profound sense of belonging.

To our 2SLGBTQAI+ students, district staff, and families, we want to affirm our recognition of your vital presence within our school community. We wish to underscore our unwavering support for you. You are an indispensable part of our school fabric, and our commitment to nurturing an environment where you can excel academically, socially, and emotionally remains steadfast.

Respectfully,



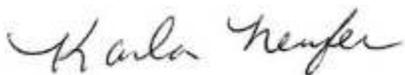
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