

FW: SOGI collaborative follow up - joint statement

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Subject: SOGI collaborative follow up - joint statement

Hi there,

Here are the notes summarizing the discussion from the K-12 SOGI Collaborative meeting on Thursday morning regarding growing anti-SOGI sentiment.

Joint education partner statement:

- There is group consensus from the SOGI collaborative to issue an updated partner statement (of both support and positioning for SOGI) with ECC and ARC Foundation and release it as part of back to school announcements.
- The sentiment was to focus on pro-active messaging at the beginning of the school year vs reactive messaging specific to anti-SOGI trustee candidate platforms
- Education partners who agreed most quickly/strongly are: BCSSA, BCPVPA, BCSTA, FNESC, BCCPAC, CUPE.
- All partners and ARC agreed to the importance of having one collective voice and ensuring that district and school staff have a clear understanding of the position of the entire sector.

Other related discussion items:

- It was noted that there was a similar ramp up of anti-SOGI sentiment in the 2018 elections
- Recommended focus on communication from all partners is on what SOGI is vs is not and to avoid engaging in misinformation arguments
- BCSTA - noted that they are in an awkward position of representing boards of education, not individuals, and wanting to avoid potential conflict in addressing the public positioning of individuals. This topic was discussed at the last STA board meeting.
- BCTF – acknowledged the impact of individuals elected on teachers, confirmed that BCTF has a clear position on SOGI and will state that publicly, and that that position is not reflective of individual teachers but of the BCTF organization
 - s.19 also reminded the group that the legal action between Glen Hansman and Barry Neufeld is scheduled with the Supreme Court on October 11, 2022. He noted that the outcome of this action will have an impact on public debates.
- BCPVPA - confirmed that it is the collective responsibility of all partners to be clear on positioning statements and ensure decisions are centred on students and their safety
- BCSSA – supported common messaging and focus on fundamentals like student safety and wellness

The current collaborative partners are: BCSSA, BCSTA, BCTF, BCASBO, BCPVPA, CUPE, ASBO, FISA, FNSEA, FNESC, MNBC, BCCPAC.

Next steps:

- SP and GCPE met to discuss further and create a plan in response as requested by MJW on Wednesday
 - **GCPE will have a joint statement drafted for review on Wednesday Sept 7**
 - GCPE will draft a communications plan
- Education partners committed to ensuring that each of their respective websites include strong statements of support for SOGI and will send those links to ARC to compile and share out (no due date set yet).
- Education partners and ARC committed to sharing examples of positive work for others to use (e.g., [Q&A from Burnaby](#)). This information may assist smaller districts that have less capacity. All examples will be sent to ARC to compile and share out (no due date set yet).

Thank you,
Erin

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RE: Draft plan for Codes of Conduct

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Thanks for sharing. It's really helpful for us to have this background on this work as the anti-SOGI opposition ramps up for the trustee elections.

From our end, GCPE is drafting a SOGI statement of support for MJW and all education partners, including STA, to announce together. No date is set, but it is a high priority. As well, all education partners are updating their websites to make sure that their commitments to equity-based work are easy to find and clearly stated. ARC Foundation is supporting with anyone needing help drafting if it's not already complete.

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Subject: Draft plan for Codes of Conduct

As discussed, here is our draft plan for codes of conduct.
questions, check in with Esther.

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FYI, it sounds like they are hoping to release the statement tomorrow

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Hi Kerri,

Thank you so much – and kudos on this collaborative approach! I'm so thrilled that the response has been positive.

Please let me know if there's anything else you need from us!

With care,

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Hi s.19

Thanks so much for your email.

All education partners that have been mentioned in this statement have been given the opportunity to review it and provide feedback. You were all sent the statement at the same time for review yesterday, but in separate emails. About half of the partners have already responded back - they had no changes and said that they were pleased to be a part of the statement. :)

We will review your changes tomorrow-thanks again!

Kerri

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Hello Kerri,

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to review this joint statement. It's wonderfully written, and I've included a couple of minor suggested edits.

One question I have is whether or not the education partner organizations have also been given the opportunity to review/approve? It was discussed at the last K-12 Collaborative meeting that a draft would be shared out to all K-12 Collaborative Partners for organizational approval to align on a joint multi-organizational statement. I appreciate that this is a big undertaking and would likely delay the Friday release. However, I wanted to flag this to see if review/approval had been considered? I've cc'd Erin as she may be able to provide additional context from the September 1st meeting.

Thanks,

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From: Ralph, Kerri GCPE:EX <Kerri.Ralph@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 4:21 PM
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Subject: Ready for ARC review/approval - Joint SOGI Statement. Sept 2022

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Hello team,

Please find attached a joint SOGI statement for your team's review and approval. FYI - This attached version has been reviewed and approved by Minister Whiteside.

Please let us know if you would like any edits, or have any concerns by Thursday, Sept. 15th at noon.

We are aiming to send this out on Friday, Sept 16th in the a.m. Once finalized, we will send you a final link so you can share through your channels.

Thanks very much,

Kerri Ralph
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BC K-12 SOGI Collaborative Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 1, 2022
10:00 – 11:30 pm PST (via Zoom)

ATTENDEES (updated August 18 th)	
s.19	ARC Foundation (ARC)
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	BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA)
	BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA)
	BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA)
	BC Association of School Business Officials (BCASBO)
	BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (BCPVPA)
	BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF)
	Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)
	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)
	Federation of Independent Schools Associations (FISA) BC
	Federation of Independent Schools Associations (FISA) BC
	First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC)
	First Nations Schools Association (FNSA)
	Metis Nation BC (MNBC)
	Ministry of Education and Child Care (ECC)
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AGENDA:

10:00am	<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to new K-12 Collaborative organization member Metis Nation BC (MNBC). s.19 was in attendance today on behalf of s.19 who will be the usual rep.• Welcome to new BCCPAC rep s.19• Welcome to new ECC rep s.19
10:10	<p>2. Review and Approval of May Record of Discussion - APPROVED</p>
10:15	<p>3. Collaborative Updates & Key Activities:</p> <p>a. Resource Guide French translation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Translation is complete – including a statement about the evolving language and the ‘point-in-time’ approach we’ve taken in consultation with Francophone educators and the CSFBC.○ Will plan an official launch via the DM Bulletin with ECC○ The French version will be distributed to Collaborative members, but please wait to share out until this launch has occurred <p>b. 2021-22 School year report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Summary of highlights presented. Full report will be distributed○ Reflections that COVID likely has had an impact on SOGI Leads, particularly in their stress levels and in their sense of having the necessary support to fulfill their roles○ Encouraging that educators are more comfortable bringing their authentic selves to work and that some are moving from resisters to supporters○ Interest in what can be done to further support elementary schools which have seen significant increases in engagement, but still have the most room to grow○ ACTION: ARC to follow up with resources and tools for support particularly around language with elementary schools
10:25	<p>4. K-12 SOGI Collaborative priorities</p> <p>a. Discuss next steps for the new priorities established last spring. As a reminder, they are Youth Voice, Youth Mental Health, Indigenous Resource Support, Intersectional and Intercultural Resource Support, and Staff Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposal from ARC to have more reps sharing about what they are each doing for one or more of these priorities. While ARC will continue focusing on the priorities, capacity constraints mean ARC cannot tackle them all, so it’s unrealistic to expect to have updates to share for each item regularly.• Also have the priorities from the youth round table in the spring to consider, and the results from the report which are akin to SOGI Lead priorities



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General support from the group. While all are busy, it is important to understand what is happening within membership at all levels, and what the organizations themselves are doing• CUPE shared that a new guide has been created focusing on trans inclusion and gender diversity in the workplace available here.• ACTION: Looking for 2-3 members to present at the next meeting
10:55	<p>5. Looking Forward</p> <p>a. 2022 Trustee elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-SOGI opposition on the rise and likely that this will be an election issue again this fall. ECC and ARC both seeing an increase in negative inbound communications.• BCSTA cannot become explicitly involved in debates as it can easily become a conflict of interest• There is a need for all organizations to refresh and make clear and unequivocal statements of support for SOGI 1 2 3<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ACTION: All K-12 Collaborative Partner organizations to post their own statements and/or messaging in support of SOGI inclusive education. ARC staff can support if needed. Goal to have something posted by September 29. Share link with Scout once live.2. ACTION: ARC to provide “What is SOGI / What is SOGI 1 2 3?” information for member orgs• Many districts have their own FAQs that can be looked to for inspiration• General agreement that messaging must focus on what SOGI-inclusive education <i>is</i> and not wade too deep into the debate and negative conversation that seeks to spread mis-information• Proposal from the ECC to come out with a refreshed partner statement.<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. General agreement2. Interest in a pro-active message now3. ACTION: ECC to work with communications team to draft a statement and share it out to all K-12 Collaborative Partners ASAP for organizational approval to align on a joint multi-organizational statement <p>b. 2022 SOGI Educator Summit: October 19th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Save the date – online again this year. Target audience is SOGI Leads but Collaborative members are invited if they would like to attend. Registration will be shared in early October. <p>c. Meetings for the 2022-23 school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aim for November meeting. Doodle poll to follow.



11:20	<p>6. Summarize Action Items & Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACTION: ARC to follow up with resources and tools for support particularly around language with elementary schools• ACTION: Looking for 2-3 members to present at the next meeting about what their organizations are working on• ACTION: All organizations to post their own statements and messaging. ARC staff can support if needed. Goal to have something posted by end of September. Share link once live.• ACTION: ARC to provide "What is SOGI / What is SOGI 1 2 3?" information for member orgs• ACTION: ECC to work with communications team to draft something and share it out to all K-12 Collaborative Partners ASAP for organizational approval to align on a joint multi-organizational statement <p>Next Meeting: November TBD</p>
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K-12 SOGI Collaborative follow ups

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Hello all,

Wonderful to see you all as back to school kicks off! Thank you for the ongoing commitment and high levels of engagement in this work and I look forward to continue collaborating with you all this year. **Please fill in [this doodle poll](#) so that we can set our next meeting for November.**

Attached are some documents for you to review. Action items are listed in the ROD and I have pulled them out here as we have some time-sensitive items this month. The final action item is already well under way, thank you to everyone for your quick responses to the joint statement.

Action Items:

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- **ACTION:** Looking for 2-3 members to present at the next meeting about what their organizations are working on
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- **ACTION:** ARC to provide "What is SOGI / What is SOGI 1 2 3?" information for member orgs (see below)
- **ACTION:** ECC to work with communications team to draft something and share it out to **all K-12 Collaborative Partners** ASAP for organizational approval to align on a joint multi-organizational statement

Attachments:

- 2021-22 school year report
- March 2022 Youth forum report
- French Resource Guide (**Note:** for your eyes only until it is official launched via the DM bulletin. We will let you know when this has occurred, and you will be welcome/encouraged to share with your members at that time)
- Sept 1, 2022 meeting ROD

What is SOGI / What is SOGI 1 2 3:

For those looking for inspiration or ideas regarding what to share for your own organizational messaging in support of SOGI, here are a few links to check out that you can look to for wording. Please take these ideas and make them your own.

- [Burnaby school district SOGI FAQ + Background](#)
- [Central Okanagan school district SOGI FAQ](#)
- [SOGI 1 2 3 FAQ](#)

Reach out if you have any questions,

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No – all good. thanks

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Importance: High

Thanks Jennifer!

Melanie any concerns or changes? We need to get this to the MO asap.
Nick and Angie have approved.

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Importance: High

Hi all,

Does the addition of the following bullets work to address the question about the SOGI resource?

Also looping in Melanie Stewart for the curriculum references.

Reporter

Terry Farrell, Editor
Comox Valley Record (Courtenay)
editor@comoxvalleyrecord.com
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Deadline Wednesday, September 28, 2022 12:00 PM

Request

We have a trustee candidate here who is distributing Action4Canada pamphlets, denouncing SOGI 123. Could I please get a statement from the ministry regarding the province's stance on SOGI 123, its purpose, and the expectations from the province regarding trustee conduct in such matters?

Also, part of the pamphlet suggests the book "It's Perfectly Normal" is being taught to children in grades K-3. Can you confirm or deny that book is being introduced to children at such a young age?

I am hoping to have something published by tomorrow at noon.

Response Recommendation:

Please see Minister Whiteside's statement on support for SOGI: [Minister's, K-12 education partners' statement on support for SOGI | BC Gov News](#)

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We don't get into resources being used for n classrooms....

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Thanks Jenn, I think that is good to include in the answer and more directly responds to the reporters question

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I think it would be good to directly answer that part if we can.

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Hi Jennifer,

Please see the recommend response on the media request on SOGI.

Please let us know if you have any concerns or changes.

Thanks !
Megan

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Response Recommendation:

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Subject: Re: For Review/Information ECC Media Request: Trustee Board Candidate distributing Action4Canada pamphlet against SOGI123

Thanks Erin!

I will run these past Jennifer.

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From: Oscienny, Erin EDUC:EX <Erin.Oscienny@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 8:09:08 AM

To: Lowry, Megan GCPE:EX <Megan.Lowry@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: McLeod, Tamara EDUC:EX <Tamara.McLeod@gov.bc.ca>; Silver, Matt GCPE:EX <Matt.Silver@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: For Review/Information ECC Media Request: Trustee Board Candidate distributing Action4Canada pamphlet against SOGI123

Hi Megan,

Here are recommended bullets for response in addition to the SOGI statement of support. Please note that these are approved by Tamara, but not yet reviewed by Jennifer.

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Thank you,
Erin

Erin Oscienny (she/her) | Director, Strategic Priorities

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From: Lowry, Megan GCPE:EX <Megan.Lowry@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: September 27, 2022 4:45 PM

To: Oscienny, Erin EDUC:EX <Erin.Oscienny@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: McLeod, Tamara EDUC:EX <Tamara.McLeod@gov.bc.ca>; Silver, Matt GCPE:EX <Matt.Silver@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: For Review/Information ECC Media Request: Trustee Board Candidate distributing Action4Canada pamphlet against SOGI123

Importance: High

Hi Erin,

We have media request on a trustee distributing an Action4Canada pamphlet against SOGI123.

We are suggesting sending the reporter MJW's statement on SOGI from earlier this month but need some bullets on the specific resource the reporter is asking about.

I pulled some messaging that we have used previously, please add anything additional we can say about the particular book.

Apologies for the quick turn around needed. This is due tomorrow at noon.

Thanks!
Megan

Reporter

Terry Farrell, Editor
Comox Valley Record (Courtenay)
editor@comoxvalleyrecord.com

Deadline Wednesday, September 28, 2022 12:00 PM

Request

We have a trustee candidate here who is distributing Action4Canada pamphlets, denouncing SOGI 123. Could I please get a statement from the ministry regarding the province's stance on SOGI 123, its purpose, and the expectations from the province regarding trustee conduct in such matters?

Also, part of the pamphlet suggests the book "It's Perfectly Normal" is being taught to children in grades K-3.

Can you confirm or deny that book is being introduced to children at such a young age?

I am hoping to have something published by tomorrow at noon.

Background for MO:

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Recommendation:

Please see Minister Whiteside's statement on support for SOGI: [Minister's, K-12 education partners' statement on support for SOGI | BC Gov News](#)

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To: Freeborn, Kara ECC:EX <Kara.Freeborn@gov.bc.ca>, McLeod, Tamara ECC:EX <Tamara.McLeod@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 16, 2022 8:55:41 AM PDT
Attachments: FINAL Joint Statement with logos.pdf

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Suggested tweet:

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Sent: September 12, 2022 10:52:51 AM PDT
Attachments: MJW SOGI Statement. Sept 2022.docx
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Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 5:31:14 PM
To: McMahon, Ian ECC:EX <Ian.McMahon@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Krystal ECC:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Silver, Matt GCPE:EX <Matt.Silver@gov.bc.ca>; Casselman, Laura GCPE:EX <Laura.Casselman@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: September 12, 2022 11:09:29 AM PDT
Attachments: MJW SOGI Statement. Sept 2022.docx
Here you go, Keefer. Thanks!

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To: Whiteside, Jennifer PREM:EX <Jennifer.Whiteside@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Pelech, Keefer PREM:EX <Keefer.Pelech@gov.bc.ca>, McMahon, Ian ECC:EX <Ian.McMahon@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 13, 2022 11:58:56 AM PDT
Attachments: 282408 Demolition of the Mackenzie Elementary Building, SD93 - Mission_Deux-Rives_Gym Addition_Letter - Minister to Board re project approval_Draft.docx, MJW SOGI Statement. Sept 2022 (MO Edit).docx, SD39_Henry Hudson Elementary_Budget Lift Approval_MIN to BC_DRAFT_2022.08.24.docx, 282408 Morris Outgoing.docx

Just bringing the SOGI statement to the top of your inbox.

Krys

From: Pelech, Keefer ECC:EX <Keefer.Pelech@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Whiteside, Jennifer ECC:EX <Jennifer.Whiteside@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McMahon, Ian ECC:EX <Ian.McMahon@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Krystal ECC:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: SOGI Letter, Correspondence, and draft Facebook response

Hello Minister,

I know that you will be pretty busy this week. I'm sending these up so that you have them but will also flag with Ian and Krystal.

Attaching the draft SOGI letter from yourself and ECC partners. Made some quick edits to make the language more direct.

Attaching 3 pieces of correspondence: 2 capital letters to Districts, and 1 response to MLA Morris in regards to funding for demolishing a closed school in his riding.

And here is a quick response that can be used for your Facebook to respond to constituent:

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Sent: September 15, 2022 11:17:34 AM PDT
Attachments: Joint SOGI Statement. Sept 2022 [ARCedits].docx

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Cc: McMahon, Ian ECC:EX <Ian.McMahon@gov.bc.ca>; Casselman, Laura GCPE:EX <Laura.Casselman@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FINAL SOGI STATEMENT!

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AMAZING!!! IAN'S GOING TO GET A SECOND NICKNAME FOR THIS!!!!

From: Smith, Krystal ECC:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
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To: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca>
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Ian worked hard and got it through! Sorry we are so busy up here - thanks for you patience.

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Sent: September 16, 2022 11:16:49 AM PDT
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Woot! Good hustle from all for an important statement!

From: Zacharuk, Christina EDUC:EX <Christina.Zacharuk@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 16, 2022 10:06 AM
To: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca>; McCrea, Jennifer EDUC:EX <Jennifer.McCrea@gov.bc.ca>; McMahon, Ian ECC:EX <Ian.McMahon@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Krystal ECC:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
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Totally agree – this is fantastic and will pass on kudos! Thank you for your team's work Meghan, CZ

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Subject: FW: Ready for ARC review/approval - Joint SOGI Statement. Sept 2022

Isn't that nice?!?! GO TEAM ECC! Go Laura, Kerri and Erin (and Theo V!!! He really swooped in to help with FISA edits!)

From: s.19
Sent: September 16, 2022 9:43 AM
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Kerri and the entire team there,

I know s.19 been your key contact and I've been following along in the background (thanks for the cc!), but I just wanted to express my appreciation for everyone's efforts to coordinate and issue this statement. We are grateful for the support and alignment, which by extension helps ensure support for educators to be SOGI-inclusive, and for students to be safe, welcome and seen (and see themselves reflected in their school environment) across BC. Many thanks,

s.19

From: Ralph, Kerri GCPE:EX <Kerri.Ralph@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 at 8:59 AM

To:

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Good Morning s.19

As promised, here is the PDF version of the SOGI statement with all the partner logos included.

We encourage you to use the #bced hashtag when sharing on your social media channels, after 10 a.m. today.

Thanks, and have a great day!

Kerri Ralph

Ministry of Education and Child Care

Government Communications and Public Engagement

250-880-1112 (Mobile)

From: Ralph, Kerri GCPE:EX

Sent: September 15, 2022 7:31 PM

To:

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Subject: RE: Ready for ARC review/approval - Joint SOGI Statement. Sept 2022

Hi s.19

Please see attached the final “embargoed” version of the statement.

This is set for release at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday Sept. 16th.

Please do not distribute this until 10 a.m., or after, tomorrow.

At 10 a.m. the statement will be posted here: Permalink: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/27470>

This statement has been approved by all partners.

FYI – there were a few minor edits in the finalization stages of this.

Note: The attached version does not have logos in it yet. That version will come tomorrow a.m.

Once you receive that logo version of the statement, we encourage you to share and post it on your website/social media pages.

Thanks, and have a great evening,

Kerri Ralph

Ministry of Education and Child Care

Government Communications and Public Engagement

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Subject: RE: Ready for ARC review/approval - Joint SOGI Statement. Sept 2022

Thanks so much, ^{s.19}

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Thanks, Kerri!

The .png version of our logo is attached.

With care, ^{s.19}

^{s.19}

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Subject: RE: Ready for ARC review/approval - Joint SOGI Statement. Sept 2022

Thanks ^{s.19} can we please grab your logo to add to the release?
Thank you!

Kerri

From: ^{s.19}
Sent: September 14, 2022 5:15 PM
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Hi Kerri,

Thank you so much – and kudos on this collaborative approach! I'm so thrilled that the response has been positive.

Please let me know if there's anything else you need from us!

With care, ^{s.19}

From: Ralph, Kerri GCPE:EX <Kerri.Ralph@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 5:10 PM

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Subject: Re: Ready for ARC review/approval - Joint SOGI Statement. Sept 2022

Hi ^{s.19}

Thanks so much for your email.

All education partners that have been mentioned in this statement have been given the opportunity to review it and provide feedback. You were all sent the statement at the same time for review yesterday, but in separate emails. About half of the partners have already responded back - they had no changes and said that they were pleased to be a part of the statement. :)

We will review your changes tomorrow-thanks again!

Kerri

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From:

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Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 4:54 PM

To: Ralph, Kerri GCPE:EX <Kerri.Ralph@gov.bc.ca>;

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Cc: Erin Oscienny <erin.oscienny@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Ready for ARC review/approval - Joint SOGI Statement. Sept 2022

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Hello Kerri,

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to review this joint statement. It's wonderfully written, and I've included a couple of minor suggested edits.

One question I have is whether or not the education partner organizations have also been given the opportunity to review/approve? It was discussed at the last K-12 Collaborative meeting that a draft would be shared out to all K-12 Collaborative Partners for organizational approval to align on a joint multi-organizational statement. I appreciate that this is a big undertaking and would likely delay the Friday release. However, I wanted to flag this to see if review/approval had been considered? I've cc'd Erin as she may be able to provide additional context from the September 1st meeting.

Thanks,

^{s.19}

From: Ralph, Kerri GCPE:EX <Kerri.Ralph@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 4:21 PM

To: ^{s.19}

Subject: Ready for ARC review/approval - Joint SOGI Statement. Sept 2022

Hello team,

Please find attached a joint SOGI statement for your team's review and approval. FYI - This attached version has been reviewed and approved by Minister Whiteside.

Please let us know if you would like any edits, or have any concerns by Thursday, Sept. 15th at noon.
We are aiming to send this out on Friday, Sept 16th in the a.m. Once finalized, we will send you a final link so you can share through your channels.
Thanks very much,

Kerri Ralph
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Re: SOGI Statement

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Sent: September 21, 2022 9:06:24 AM PDT
Thanks so much Alissa!

Krys

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Done! Sorry that I waited a day, but if I send too many emails, I fear that they won't be read, so I try to pace myself.

From: Smith, Krystal ECC:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 20, 2022 14:39
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Subject: SOGI Statement

Hello Alissa,

Can you send the below email out to the MLA listserv on behalf on Minister Whiteside?

Krys

Dear Colleagues,

As we enter school board election season, I want to take a moment to highlight the very important work done across our school districts to support students and staff identifying as Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans (transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary), queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual (2SLGBTQIA+).

Our schools must be places where all children and youth feel welcome, valued and included. In collaboration with ARC Foundation and all of our partners in education, a network of SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) educators has developed across the province. Every school district is now connected to this network.

Our SOGI collaborative—a collective comprised of ARC, all education partners and the Ministry of Education, works to support students and staff in schools. This includes activities such as supporting Gay-Straight Alliance groups at schools, supporting the development of SOGI-inclusive policies in school districts (gender neutral change rooms and bathrooms for example), developing materials to help inform and educate, providing professional development to educators and school staff on creating inclusive, equitable learning environments.

Together with our partners we recently released the a statement outlining our collective support for this work. Please help us by amplifying this message across your networks.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022ECC0075-001396>

Jennifer

Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education and Child Care

Supplemental info: SOGI

Ministry of Education and Child Care

Issue:

Anti-SOGI groups are distributing pamphlets containing misinformation and supporting anti-SOGI school board candidates.

Key Messages:

Joint Statement: Minister's, K-12 education partners' statement on support for SOGI

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022ECC0075-001396> (Sept 16, 2022)

The following statement on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) is from Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education and Child Care; BC School Trustees Association; BC School Superintendents Association; BC Association of School Business Officials, BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association; BC Teachers' Federation; CUPE BC; BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils; Federation of Independent School Associations; ARC Foundation; First Nations Education Steering Committee; First Nations Schools Association and Métis Nation BC:

"We know that each child expresses themselves in their own unique way and some have been bullied and ostracized in the past. All of B.C.'s provincial education partners for K-12 schools – public and independent – are standing together in solidarity to ensure every school is a place where all students deserve to be welcomed, included and respected in a safe learning environment, while being fully and completely themselves. No student should be excluded or bullied because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

"In 2016, the B.C. Human Rights Code was amended to ensure that gender identity and expression are protected under the code. There is no room for any type of discrimination in our schools. As provincial education partners, we stand together in this commitment. All 60 school districts, independent and First Nations schools have SOGI-inclusive codes of conduct and policies in place and many are participants in the B.C. SOGI Educator Network. We have joined collaboratively with ARC Foundation and 11 education and community partner groups to form the Provincial K-12 SOGI Collaborative, officially committing to creating learning environments that are safe, respectful and welcoming for all B.C. students.

"B.C.'s K-12 curriculum includes a focus on valuing diversity and respecting differences, as well as human rights and responses to discrimination. Students deserve to have the complete support of teachers, administrators, support staff, trustees, parents, guardians, caregivers and their community, as we work together to create learning environments where all students are free from discrimination so they can thrive and succeed in their school years and beyond."

Background:

- Our government is deeply committed to ensuring schools are safe and welcoming for all students and staff.
- Every student deserves a safe school environment. No student should ever be bullied, harassed or threatened.

- SOGI 1 2 3 is a set of educator resources that were developed by ARC Foundation, the Ministry's delivery partner of SOGI-Inclusive Education, in partnership with the Ministry and other K-12 education partner organizations.
- All 60 school districts and several independent schools are now involved in the B.C. SOGI Educator Network and have SOGI-inclusive codes of conduct and policies in place, and all school districts have SOGI co-ordinators in place to support students and staff.
- The core competencies of the provincial K-12 curriculum include a focus on valuing diversity and respecting differences. Educators, schools, and school districts are able to explore the various components and protected grounds of identity in the B.C. Human Rights Code within those curricular themes including sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.
- Any students experiencing discrimination or harassment related to sexual orientation or gender identity can get help through our erase website at erase.gov.bc.ca.

ECC End of Day Media Request Report - October 11, 2022

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Caroline Alphonso - Globe and Mail

ISSUE: SOGI statement by MJW and B.C. education partners on Sept. 16

STATUS: With Minister's Office

Katie Hyslop - The Tyee

ISSUE: Maple Leaf Schools in China that have used B.C. curriculum

STATUS: With GCPE

Valerie Leung - Richmond News

ISSUE: \$10 a Day child care in Richmond

STATUS: Provided Background

- The eight new \$10 a Day child care spaces refer to eight individual infant-toddler spaces.
- These spaces are all located at a family-run private child care centre in Richmond called Kiddo House Child Care Centre.
- Including these spaces, 159 licensed \$10 a Day child care spaces have opened in Richmond since the program launched in 2018.
- The intake process for providers to apply to become \$10 a Day sites is on-going, and more results will be announced between now and the end of the year.
- This current intake supports the expansion of \$10 a Day spaces from over 6,500 to 12,500 by the end of 2022.
- All licensed child care providers that have been accessing Child Care Operating Funding for at least a year and serve children 0-5 and multi-age programs were invited to apply for this \$10 a Day ChildCareBC expansion if they met the eligibility criteria for this intake.
- The evaluation and selection process considers the type of child care program, facility ownership, community and populations served.
- Key priorities for the expansion align with commitments in the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement and include sites in communities that have a low proportion of \$10 a Day spaces compared to population density.

ECC End of Day Media Request Report - October 12, 2022

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Francis Plourde - CBC Radio Canada
ISSUE: CSF School Board Election rules
STATUS: With Program Area

Lori Culbert - Vancouver Sun
ISSUE: overdose crisis info in schools
STATUS: With Program Area

Jonathan Bradley - Western Standard Online
ISSUE: Political Commentator says BC School is handing out workbook saying Conservatives are Ultra-Right Wing
STATUS: With Minister's Office

Katie Hyslop - The Tyee
ISSUE: Maple Leaf Schools in China that have used B.C. curriculum
STATUS: With Program Area

Caroline Alphonso - Globe and Mail
ISSUE: SOGI statement by MJW on Sept. 16
STATUS: Provided Background

- As part of back-to-school announcements for 2022-23, Jennifer Whiteside, the Minister of Education and Child Care, joined B.C.'s K-12 education partners to issue a statement on Sept. 16 to demonstrate support for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Inclusive Education from the K-12 education system.
- This statement re-affirms the collective responsibility to create safe, welcoming and inclusive school environments for all students.

- The statement was developed and endorsed by the BC School Trustees Association, BC School Superintendents Association, BC Association of School Business Officials, BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, BC Teachers' Federation, CUPE BC, BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, Federation of Independent School Associations, ARC Foundation, First Nations Education Steering Committee, First Nations Schools Association and Métis Nation BC.