

September 19, 2024



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Dear Families,

I am writing to address an important issue that affects our entire community. As many of you are aware, there is a nation-wide protest scheduled for September 20th, opposing the inclusion of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) education in schools. I want to make it clear that the Revelstoke School District stands firm in its support of SOGI and rejects any form of homophobia, discrimination, or bullying.

We believe in creating and maintaining safe, positive, and inclusive learning environments for all students, staff, and families. We are committed to ensuring that every member of our school community feels respected, valued, and supported. Homophobic and gender-based comments or behaviors have no place in our schools, as they are demeaning to those targeted and our community as a whole.

We are guided by a fundamental belief in the dignity of every person. This belief is reflected in our policies, which align with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the BC Human Rights Code, and the BC School Act. These laws, alongside our school district policies, safeguard the rights of all individuals to learn and work in an environment free from discrimination and harassment.

Our district has taken proactive steps to support diversity and prevent discrimination. This includes ensuring our school Codes of Conduct specifically address discrimination based on gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Providing our staff with the training and tools to support LGBTQ2S+ students, staff, and their families. Supporting student groups and activities that promote inclusivity and respect for diversity.

We understand that education plays a critical role in broadening understanding and eliminating harmful stereotypes. By teaching respect for all people, we help build a healthier and more compassionate community.

On September 20th, and every day, Revelstoke School District stands united against discrimination and for the safety and well-being of all children and youth. We recognize that building an inclusive society benefits everyone, and we are committed to continuing this work in our schools.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to create a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Alan Chell,
SD 19 Trustee

Sincerely,

Roberta Kubik
Superintendent of School