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Dear Board Chairs and Superintendents:

I want to be very clear, my number one priority continues to be that schools are safe and welcoming environments for all students and staff. Unfortunately, over the past few days, we have seen misinformation circulating as a result of divisive and dangerous rhetoric. Our public education system must be one that is grounded in human rights and supports all students and staff.

As part of government's broader commitment to responsible expenditure management, funding provided to the ARC Foundation, the organization that originally developed SOGI 123 in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Child Care, K-12 education partners, and other organizations, has been reduced over the last two years and will not continue in fiscal year 2026/27. I want to be clear that my expectations around safety and inclusion have not changed. Existing resources continue to be available to districts and schools and the Ministry's commitment to welcoming and inclusive schools and supporting 2SLGBTQIA+ students and staff remains steadfast.

Resources that support inclusive learning environments continue to be available to school districts and educators through both the provincial [erase](#) (expect respect & a safe education) website and the ARC Foundation's [website](#). Since its introduction in 2016, SOGI 123 has remained an optional resource that schools and educators may choose to use to support safe, caring, and inclusive learning environments and to help address bullying and discrimination affecting students and staff.

I appreciate the significant contributions of the ARC Foundation in supporting educators across British Columbia, and would like to recognize them for their work. The ARC Foundation has been an important partner in developing resources and building the capacity of school communities to create inclusive environments where all students and staff feel safe, welcome, and respected.

I appreciate your ongoing leadership and dedication to supporting the success and well-being of all students and staff, regardless of how they look, how they dress, who they pray to, or how they identify. Your efforts help foster safe, inclusive, and respectful learning environments throughout British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Lisa Beare
Minister