Letter of Support for LGBTQ2S+ Students, Staff and Families

We, the undersigned, are writing this joint letter to express our wholehearted support for inclusivity, diversity and the promotion of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) rights. In our commitment to fostering an inclusive and equitable school environment, we believe that embracing diversity and upholding the principles of SOGI is essential for the well-being of our entire community.

We are dedicated to providing quality education and a tolerant and safe environment for students, staff, and the community. We recognize the importance of respecting and celebrating the diverse identities and backgrounds of our students, staff and volunteers. We are committed to creating a school environment that is free from discrimination, intimidation and harassment based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

As educational partners, we have witnessed firsthand the harm caused by anti-LGBTQ2S+ campaigns. These conversations impact the students, staff, and families who require support the most. We have made substantial progress in establishing safe spaces in our schools and remain dedicated to ensuring that every student feels a deep sense of belonging. We consistently continue to stand against disinformation.

To our LGBTQ2S+ students, district staff, and families - we value and support you. We are firmly committed to nurturing an environment in which you can excel academically, socially, and emotionally. Our commitment is to maintain inclusive spaces that celebrate diversity and inclusion.

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