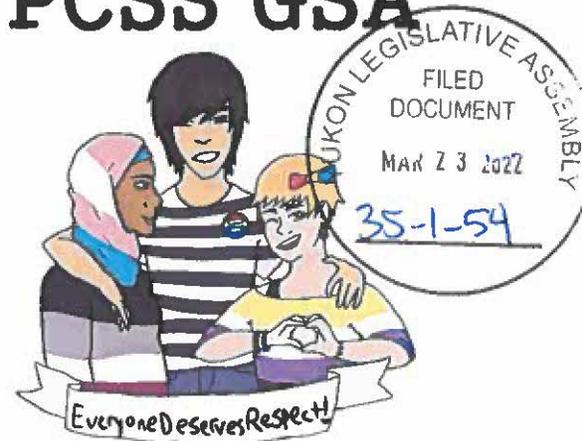


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PCSS GSA



Dear Minister McLean,

Porter Creek Secondary School's (PCSS) Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) is writing to you today regarding the Yukon Department of Education's Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Policy that came into effect on September 5, 2012; and issues our group raised about its modernization and implementation, sent in a letter to the Minister of Education in November 2019.

We would like to speak about the 2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusion Action Plan that the Yukon Government released last summer. Also, recognising that students who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ face unique challenges within schools, we'd like to discuss what measures the Department of Education has taken to protect and support Rainbow Youth in Yukon schools since our letter was received by Minister McPhee in 2019.

We would also like to discuss with you, very troubling news about the lack of support for Rainbow Youth and educators at Vanier Catholic Secondary School. When Rainbow Youth are not fully supported by their schools, they are at a greater risk of self-harm and/or suicide. In 2022, no school administrator should be denying Rainbow Youth the opportunity to hang a pride flag in the halls of their school. Quite frankly, this is unfathomable to us.

Our group's top priority is that 2SLGBTQIA+ youth from around the territory are protected and able to achieve their maximum potential. Presently, this is not the situation in Yukon Territory. We would like to invite you to the PCSS Rainbow Room in order to discuss our concerns and the ways that we may support you in achieving this goal.

We look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

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