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The Burnaby Board of Education, the Burnaby Teacher's Association and CUPE 379 joint statement in support of SOGI inclusive schools

Within the Burnaby School District, our shared commitment to inclusion, diversity and equity has been integral to the culture and identity of our schools and workplaces. Together, we know what these values look and feel like. This commitment has been shaped all members of the Burnaby School District, including those who identify as members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. For this we are beyond grateful. We will continue to support 2SLGBTQIA+ rights in our District and uphold SOGI policy to make our school communities safe and supportive places.

We continue to strive to eradicate discrimination and harassment in all forms including based on sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression. Hate has no place in our community. Safe spaces for our students, staff and families are of the utmost importance. If you are a student who feels unsafe, no matter the reason, please reach out to your Safe School Specialist for support.

We have learned that celebrating and honouring the diversity in our School District fosters belonging.

To the 2SLGBTQIA+ community within and beyond the Burnaby School District, we see you and we support you. We are dedicated to making our School District a place where you can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. We appreciate you and your contributions to making our School District a better place for all.

Sincerely,

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Chair,
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President,
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President,
CUPE Local 379