

GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSIDER DRAFT GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION POLICY ON MONDAY

Thursday, September 8, 2016

VICTORIA, BC - On Monday, the Education Policy and Directions Committee of the Greater Victoria School District, will consider a draft Gender Identity and Expression Policy.

"We are very pleased to see the directive for all public and independent schools across the Province to introduce policies that are inclusive of all students," noted School District Board Chair Edith Loring-Kuhanga. "We have been working to introduce new policy in our district to ensure a safe and supportive environment for all members of the school community who are transgender and/or gender non-conforming. What a powerful and positive message it sends when all schools are consistent in their approach to creating inclusive safe school communities for all students and staff."

The Education and Directions Committee meeting agenda will available here: https://www.sd61.bc.ca/board-of-education/meetings/ on Friday afternoon.

The meeting will be held at the Greater Victoria School District Office at 556 Boleskine Road on Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m. The Committee will consider the policy and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on Monday September 26, 2016.

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