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The Saanich Teachers' Association Reaffirms its Commitment to Safe and Inclusive Schools

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The Saanich Teachers' Association is proud to reaffirm its commitment to protect schools as safe and inclusive spaces. We strongly believe that all students have the right to a safe and inclusive learning environment. We support our LGBTQ2S+ members, students, and families.

The alarming rise of homophobia and transphobia across Canada has no place in our communities, least of all our schools. Misguided campaigns that would force LGBTQ2S+ kids to out themselves are dangerous, threatening their mental health and even their lives. We must unite against such movements that are based on disinformation and conspiracy theories.

Sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI)-inclusive resources should not be controversial. They are about ensuring that all students and their families are reflected in school materials.

"It is vital that our schools continue to be safe places for everyone regardless of their sexual orientation or their gender identity. Diversity is our strength,"
Don Peterson, STA President.

"To our LGBTQ2S+ members, students, and family – we see you, we value you, and we will always stand up for your rights."

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