



Statement – Protests Against 2SLGBTQQIA+ Community

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Today, protests are being planned to take place across Canada by a group advocating against accepting other people's gender identity, against gender-affirming practices and curriculum in schools and against actions that support and acknowledge the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community.

The Ontario Principals' Council, representing more than 5,400 principals and vice-principals in Ontario's public elementary and secondary schools, does not support these protests, or the concerns raised by the group. All students and staff, regardless of their sexual identity, expression or orientation, have the right to be safe, supported and acknowledged while at school. This includes creating environments where students and staff see their identity modeled in the curriculum and resources, where they feel safe enough to take part in all school activities, where they are not discriminated against due to their sexual orientation, where all places in the school are open and available to them and where they can express themselves in the manner that fits their identity.

We do not support any activities that discriminate, harass, exclude or challenge students or staff based on sexual identity, preference or orientation. We all have a right to fully participate in our school communities.

Ontario's public school principals and vice-principals will continue to work to create school environments that prioritize student achievement, well-being and safety for all.