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Excellence Innovation Community

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

The Board of Education of Nechako Lakes School District is committed to providing safe, supportive, and inclusive schools and worksites for each member of our school communities. In our district we embrace, promote and honor diversity, as evidenced within the goals of our <u>Strategic Plan</u>. The Board and our staff remain committed to this plan to ensure student success and well-being.

For ALL students to be successful, our schools must be places where learners experience a true sense of belonging and connection - the is no room for any form of discrimination or harassment in our school communities. The recent promotion of hate within the District is deeply disturbing and puts the safety and well-being of our students at risk. Our collective priority must be on the promotion of positive and respectful relationships with one another to ensure each learner can reach their full potential.

Sexual orientation and gender identity are protected grounds under the BC Human Rights Code and each member of the LGBTQ2S+ community is a valuable part of our school system. We will continue to celebrate your presence.

Sincerely,

Dave Christie

Board Chair