

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT ON INCLUSION
January 15, 2019**

The Chilliwack Board of Education wants to be clear that all students, staff, parents and caregivers in SD33 are equally welcome regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, ability, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation or gender identity. We believe that our diversity is to be celebrated and that our collective goal is for every student in Chilliwack to become a graduate prepared for opportunities beyond graduation.

Over the past year, members of the LGBTQ community have questioned whether they are supported in SD33. We want to assure you that you are. We, along with the rest of the province, are committed to creating schools that are fully inclusive. As such, we support our staff in using SOGI 123 and other similar resources that align with BC's new curriculum