

CTEACH Recommendations to the Board

GOAL: We would like the Board to commit to ending homophobia and heterosexism, and create a safe school environment for all students, particularly lesbian and gay students

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We would like the Board to:

1. Make an active commitment to existing policy, provide direction to administration, including principals, to implement policy and review all policies to make sure they are up-to-date and relevant regarding the rights of all students with respect to sexual orientation.
2. Ensure that policies and procedures, particularly in respect to the issues discussed here, be transparent and widely communicated, and accessible (e.g. Board/school web sites, brochures, student codes of conduct, newsletter, classroom discussions, parent forums ...)
3. Provide training on gay and lesbian issues to school principals, guidance/student service counsellors and teachers.
4. Access resources and services dealing with homophobia and creating a safe school environment in this regard, which are readily available through OSSTF and ETFO
5. Establish Gay/Straight Alliances for student in all high schools.
6. Establish a time line for the implementation of these new initiatives.