

NEWS RELEASE

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District to Participate in St. John's Pride Parade

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District has registered as a group to march in the St. John's Pride Parade on Sunday afternoon, July 14. For parade details, see: <https://stjohnspride.ca/>.

“Our students and staff have the right to a safe and inclusive teaching, learning and working environment that welcomes and celebrates diversity,” said Tony Stack, CEO/Director of Education. “We are marching, along with the NLTA, to show our support for the 2SLGBTQ community and our shared commitment to acceptance and inclusion within our schools and workplaces.”

In partnership with the Provincial Government and the 2SLGBTQ community, the District has been actively supporting education and inclusive practices for the past decade. Some initiatives include:

- A Safe and Caring Schools Policy which is enshrined in legislation and includes guidelines for 2SLGBTQ inclusive practices in schools;
- Professional learning for District staff, administrators, and guidance counsellors regarding inclusive practices specific to 2SLGBTQ;
- Lesson plans and resources for teachers to support an inclusive curriculum;
- Training for Safe and Inclusive Schools itinerants and other District staff regarding awareness and inclusive practices for persons who are transgender or transitioning;
- Books for school libraries inclusive of the 2SLGBTQ community;
- Resources for schools to establish and support Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) groups within their schools;
- Presentations to staff and students designed to break down prejudice, promote unity, foster compassion, and more.

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District represents approximately 65,000 students, more than 9,000 employees, over 250 schools, and 5 alternate sites throughout the province.

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