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Dear Ms. Bacchus and Trustees of the Vancouver School Board,

The Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia is pleased to endorse the Draft Revised Policy and Regulations: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities (ACB and ACB R-1) of the Vancouver School Board. Our faculty consists of the Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy, the Department of Educational Studies, the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education and the Department of Language and Literacy Education, the School of Kinesiology, the Teacher Education Office, and other units that support graduate research, Indigenous research and community engagement.

Our Faculty is committed to, and celebrates diversity, equity, inclusivity and innovation in education and we believe that this revised policy reflects these values and is in keeping with current research and best practices. Implementing the updated policy will be an important step forward in working towards creating safe, welcoming and inclusive school environments for all, and especially for LGBTQ and gender nonconforming students, families, teachers and staff.

On behalf of the Faculty of Education at UBC, we thank you and the Pride Advisory Committee for your work and wish you the very best in this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Dr. Blye Frank, Dean  
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