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Mr. Ken Glazebrook  
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Dear Mr. Glazebrook:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Alberta School Councils' Association regarding the 2SLGBTQIA+ rights motion passed during the association's 2024 fall general meeting. I appreciate you sharing the association's views, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta, first began speaking about these policies in February 2024. Since then, we have engaged with approximately 250 stakeholders, including school boards, parent and teacher representatives, superintendents, mental health organizations, and others, about implementation.

We believe that one of the greatest responsibilities we have as parents, teachers, and community leaders is to preserve our children's choices as they grow and develop. This is key to ensuring they are prepared to make the most impactful decisions affecting their lives.

We have heard from parents across the province that they want to be more involved in their children's education, and so we strengthened their involvement through the [Education Amendment Act, 2024](#). Our amendments are focused on promoting student success and well-being, and on helping parents and educators navigate complex conversations around human sexuality, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

For classroom subject matter dealing primarily or explicitly with human sexuality, gender identity, or sexual orientation, schools must provide parents with notice at least 30 days in advance, and parents will have the option to opt their child in to (rather than opt out of) all or part of the instruction. Indirect or incidental references to these topics would not require notification or opt-in consent.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. Our government remains committed to preserving the choices of children, and we will continue to work with education partners throughout the implementation of these policies to ensure the right supports are available where and when they are needed.

Best,

Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD  
Minister of Education