

# Superintendent's Report

Dave Eberwein, Superintendent

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# Working to Ensure Safe Schools

- ▶ School Health Champions: 4 meetings / year
- ▶ Substance Use Workshop for Admin and Counsellors: Nov 20<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Threat-Risk Assessment Training:
  - ▶ Level 3: Nov 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
  - ▶ Level 2: Mar 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Restitution Training: Nov 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Mental Wellness in SD63 Schools
  - ▶ CSH (Comprehensive School Health)





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# Recent Research in Canada

- ▶ McCreary BC Adolescent Health Survey (2013)
- ▶ Every Class in Every School - Canada (2011)
- ▶ Canadian Transgender Youth Health Survey - Canada (2013)
- ▶ School Safety: The Right of Youth and Responsibility of Adults -Lina Darwich, Shelley Hymel (UBC) & Terry Waterhouse (UFV) (2012)
- ▶ Family Acceptance Project - Caitlyn Ryan (2009)



# Canadian Statistics

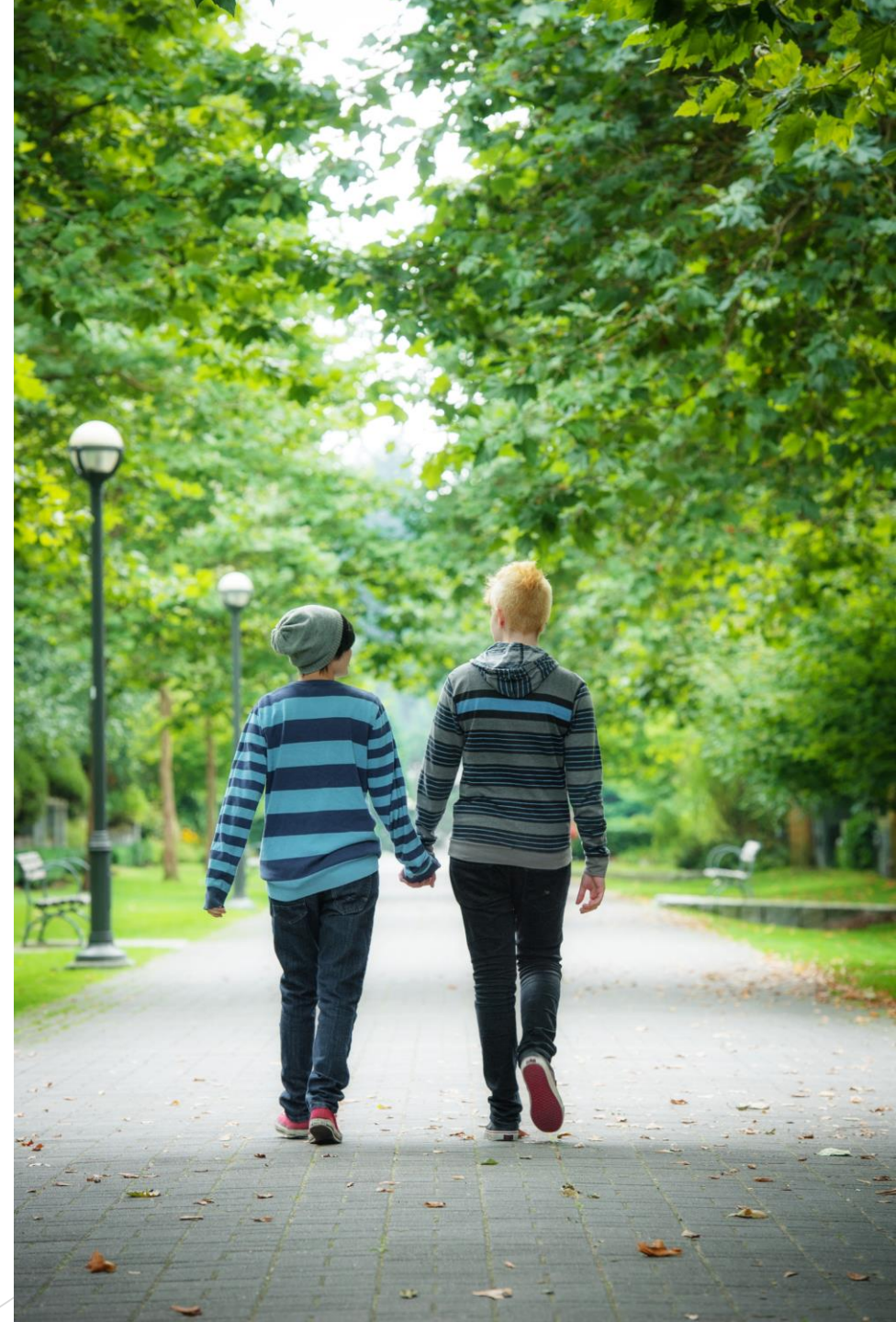
- ▶ 14-19% of BC youth identify as LGBTQ
  - ▶ (14% - South Vanc Island)
  - ▶ (7% have no attraction - South Vanc Island)
- ▶ 21% of LGBTQ students reported being physically harassed or assaulted because of their sexual orientation
- ▶ 64% of LGBTQ youth report feeling unsafe at school
- ▶ Verbal Harassment of Youth:
  - ▶ 70% Trans-Students
  - ▶ 40-50% LGBT Students and those with same-sex parents
  - ▶ 20% Non-LGBT Students





# Canadian Statistics

- ▶ 68% of lesbian/gay youth who reported a lack of adult support at school never or almost never felt safe at school
- ▶ Parent attitudes matter. Parental rejection of gay teens can adversely affect their health:
  - ▶ 8 x more likely to have attempted suicide than those whose families accepted them
  - ▶ 6 x as likely to report depression
  - ▶ 3 x as likely to use drugs
  - ▶ 3 x as likely to have unprotected sex
- ▶ Rejected gay teens are also disproportionately represented among the homeless, in foster care and in juvenile detention.



# Canadian Statistics

- ▶ 2/3 of trans youth have reported self-harm
- ▶ 1/3 of trans youth have attempted suicide
- ▶ Students in schools with GSAs are more likely to:
  - ▶ see their schools as supportive of LGBTQ people
  - ▶ be open with some / all of their peers about their SOGI
  - ▶ see their school as less homophobic





# The Saanich SD Actions

- ▶ Policy 6150 - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (June 2012)
- ▶ Policy 4100 - School Code of Conduct and Supporting Responsible Student Behaviour (updated Jan 2017)
- ▶ Supporting Teachers in Building Understanding of Diversity and how it Relates to the revised Curriculum
- ▶ Increasing Student Knowledge & Capacity (Curriculum, Presentations)
- ▶ Correcting Inappropriate Language
- ▶ Active GSAs in our Secondary Schools



# What is New in SD63?

- ▶ BC SOGI Educator Network  
ARC Foundation (Awareness, Respect, Capacity)  
From 4 to 49
- ▶ Acquiring SOGI Leads in Schools  
Fall 2017
- ▶ Ongoing Efforts to have Welcoming Environments including Inclusive Washrooms  
2017-2018



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