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To: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hello,

I am a fellow Canadian teacher. Like many of you, I feel very concerned about the pressure to teach content regarding gender ideology, which I believe to be a harmful form of indoctrination and completely inappropriate for children. As such, I have sent this email to as many public school teachers in Canada as possible with hopes to foster a dialogue, generate a community, and launch an action-based initiative called the TRAGIC (Teachers Resisting All Gender Ideological Curriculums) project. The goal is to get teachers in touch within same boards and geographical areas so we may be able to speak up in solidarity and support to effect change at a board level.

The TRAGIC project is for all Canadian teachers who oppose exposing children of any age to the harms of gender ideology through mandated curriculums. We believe biological sex is binary, not a spectrum, and that children should not be taught any information to the contrary. We oppose normalizing gender dysphoria as well as the deliberate confusion caused by presenting gender ideology to children before they are able to understand the immutability of biological sex. We do not believe children can be 'born in the wrong body' and support inquiry into the student's mental health, history, and home circumstances if identity is questioned. We do not support 'affirmative' therapy, instead encouraging 'watchful waiting,' and oppose lifelong medicalization, mutilation, and sterilization. We do not believe schools should have the power to withhold information about children from parents or that school is the only 'safe space' for a child questioning their identity. We support protecting girls' dignity through sex-based changing spaces and washrooms, safety through sex-based sports, and sex-based academic opportunities. We believe in protecting freedom of speech and do not support coerced speech through pronouns and other 'validation' terminology. We believe sexual orientation is innate and oppose the conversion therapy of 'transing' gay children. We encourage a critical approach to gender stereotypes present in society through roles, clothing, hairstyles, and behaviour.

If you would like to get involved or learn more, please respond to this email (it can be from a different email address if you do not feel comfortable replying from your board email). All responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. If you have no interest in getting involved, but would like to receive updates about the project, please reply and I will include you in future emails specific to your board or area.

If you have received this email, but are not a teacher, or you have received this email more than once, kindly let me know so I can make the appropriate change. If you know of any teachers who have not received this email at all but are interested, please feel free to forward to them directly.

Sincerely,

Megan Giacomelli

