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Dear TCS Parent,

On Jan. 13, 2016 David Eggen, Education Minister, released a document *entitled Guidelines for Best Practices: Creating Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Gender Expressions.* You may be wondering how this may impact Trinity Christian School and your child.

We have been in constant communication with Palliser Schools, who are in the process of creating specific policy and procedures aimed at protecting students and staff from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity and providing a safe, caring and respectful environment for all students and staff. Palliser has until March 31, 2016 to submit their policy in order to demonstrate compliance with the provincial guidelines and Bill 10.

The Palliser board expects the first draft of their amended or new policy and procedures to be discussed at their regular meeting for Feb. 9, 2016. This draft will then be shared with TCS so that we can provide feedback for their next regular meeting on March 8 (**See Palliser's communication**).

Palliser is encouraging all concerned parents to provide feedback to this draft through Parent Councils. We thus invite you to share your feedback at our next TOC (Trinity Opportunity Council, our Parent Council) Meeting on Feb. 24, 7 pm.

In addition, we strongly encourage you to voice your concerns by calling or sending a handwritten letter to your elected government representative and/or the Minister of Education and cc'ing it to the Opposition Education Minister, Mark Smith at **draytonvalley.devon@assembly.ab.ca.** We believe that you have the right to speak directly to the decisions that may impact your child(ren).

In Christ,

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