

DATE: May 28, 2019

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Stirling

SUBJECT: Declaration of Pride Week 2019 in Edmonton Public Schools

RESOURCE STAFF: Marlene Hanson, Kerry Maguire

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook – Section 5.2.2 – Notices of Motion](#)
[AE.BP: Welcoming, Inclusive, Safe, and Healthy Learning and Working Environments](#)
[HFA.BP Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#)

ISSUE

Notice of motion was served at the May 14, 2019, Board meeting.

BACKGROUND

The District has regularly participated in the Edmonton Pride Parade to celebrate the excellent work that our schools do to create welcoming, inclusive, safe, and healthy learning and working environments. That parade is not being held this year.

RELATED FACTS

- The District is proud of its commitment to support our sexual and gender minority students, staff and families through our policies, regulations and ongoing opportunities for meaningful engagement.
- Currently there are more than 310 District staff serving as Safe Contacts in our schools, and about 75 schools that have a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) or similarly named student organization.
- More than 200 EPSB staff, students, families, and Trustees participate in the Edmonton Pride Parade each year.
- Given the cancellation of the parade, schools may wish to hold their own individual school-based activities to celebrate Pride and SOGI-inclusive education.

RECOMMENDATION

That June 3 to 7, 2019, be declared Pride Week in Edmonton Public Schools.

CONSIDERATIONS and ANALYSIS

Pride-related activities, other than the parade, will be available in Edmonton and surrounding areas throughout the month of June. However, the District is not involved in the organization of these activities.

NEXT STEPS

Upon the approval of this recommendation, notice will be sent to schools along with supporting materials and recommended resources for celebration ideas.

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