THE ACCEPTING SCHOOLS ACT: THE POTENTIAL OF AN ONTARIO ANTI-BULLYING LEGISLATION FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF LGBT YOUTH

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INCREASED SUICIDE RATES IN NORTH AMERICA FOR THE PAST DECADE

- Statistics Canada (2002- )
- McCreary Adolescent Health Survey (2008)
- Crisis intervention and Suicide Prevention Statistics youthinBC.com; crisiscentre.bc.ca
- Canadian National Suicide Prevention Strategy (2004)
- World Health Organization
Increased penalties for bullies, especially for documented repeat offenders (i.e. expulsion)
Support organizations that provide safe space and environment (i.e. Gay-Straight Alliances)
Rehabilitation for offenders (i.e. counselling)
Support school policy and activities that promote tolerance, diversity, inclusion and equality (i.e. incorporation of age-appropriate LGBT material into academic curriculum)
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Former Education Minister, Kathleen Wynne, thanking the (20) LGBT counter-protestors for supporting her government's Bill 13 and its aim of abolishing religious freedom for Catholics.
THANK YOU
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