

## 2SLGBTQIA+ Questionnaire for Waterloo Region Municipal Candidates

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**Do you identify as a member of a 2SLGBTQIA+ community?**

No

**What role are you running for?**

Trustee, Waterloo Catholic District School Board

**What do you believe are the most critical issues for the local 2SLGBTQIA+ community? If elected, how would you work with the local community to address these issues?**

In the catholic school board, it is important to ensure that the 2SLGBTQIA+ students feel safe and supported. Our systems need to continued education to learn and ensure the resources and supports provided are the best that they can be.

**Have you ever participated in 2SLGBTQIA+ Cultural Competency Training?**

Yes

**Systemic homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia are still prevalent in our community, resulting in significant socioeconomic disparities within 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. If elected, how will you combat homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia?**

Education and conversation is important. If elected, I will continue to support the conversation at the board table.

**If elected, how would you address the ongoing issues of homelessness and mental health, especially as they disproportionately affect members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community?**

Mental health and wellness is one of my priorities for staff and students at WCDSB. I want to ensure board focus and leadership to promote and support the social/emotional/physical/mental health and well-being of all staff and students across the system. I also volunteer at Tiny Homes Takeout to experience the needs for food security in our region and continue to learn about the needs in our community.

**Do you agree with the statement that "trans rights are human rights, and must be protected as such?"**

Yes

**What is one motion would you bring to council that you think will improve the lives of specifically queer people, racialized individuals and/or marginalized residents and why?**

I would want to continue to educate myself further on what are the important priorities. However, one motion would be to ask the director to bring forward ongoing reports of what the board is doing to continue creating a safe and supported environment within the school system

**When thinking about our schools, do you agree that 2SLGBTQIA+ representation in books and lessons is critical at all grade levels? How would you support 2SLGBTQIA+ students in schools?**

I think representation of marginalized community books that are available to K-12 community should be present. This enables students to see themselves reflected in the books and helps other students learn and gain about other communities that are different from their own. I went to school for Library Science and the first part of my career was as a Librarian and I know how important the choices of books (and other media) are to each person and the overall community.