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An All Gender Washroom is part of the process of creating a positive and inclusive school space. Annette St PS and High Park Alternative PS are committed to upholding the dignity and human rights of each student and each staff, in regards to their gender identity and/or gender expression. Creating an All Gender Washroom creates an inclusive space that removes barriers so that all students can feel comfortable at school to participate fully as students. This washroom helps us fulfill the obligations set out by the Ontario Human Rights Code in accommodating individuals and ensuring integration and full participation in our schools.

We will continue to explore ways to make our schools a safe and caring place to learn through the work of our Safe and Caring Schools' committee.

Please visit the [Toronto District School Board Website](#) to see the [video](#) about 'All Gender Washrooms' and to read the associated policies to support it.

We have also attached a few links below for the TDSB's Equity Foundation Statement and the GBVP Policy.

*Here is the link to the **[Equity Foundation Statement, Human Rights Policy and Procedures, a Students' Know Your Rights Handout.](#)***

*And here is the link for the **[GBVP Policy.](#)***

Please revisit our website for more updates in the coming weeks. Thank you for the many emails and comments of support we have received along with the many good questions and suggestions our Safe and Caring Schools Committee is in the process of considering.

Sincerely,

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