



Timberline Secondary School

1681 South Dogwood Street, Campbell River, B.C. V9W 8C1

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Dear Timberline parents and caregivers,

We are writing to address an incident that has deeply affected our school community. As you may be aware, our school's inclusive paint installation was vandalized less than 24 hours after it was completed. This act of vandalism is deeply troubling and stands in direct opposition to the values of respect, inclusion, and safety that we strive to uphold at Timberline Secondary.

The paint project at the school's entrance was initiated by our students as a public demonstration of our school's commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for everyone. This initiative was a reflection of their desire to support all students, including our LGBTQ+ students and allies.

We discovered the vandalism early this morning, and immediate action was taken to cover the damaged areas. The police are involved in this situation and we have managed to find out who did this and are now working together to bring closure to this unfortunate event.

Both Timberline Secondary and the school district condemn this act in the strongest terms.

The poles are being repainted today, and we will continue to support and stand with all our students. It is paramount that every student feels safe and welcome at our school, and we are unwavering in our commitment to ensuring that the human rights of all students are respected.

We understand and respect that our community is diverse, encompassing a range of beliefs and values. Our goal is to create an environment where every student, regardless of their background, feels safe, respected, and valued.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding of our efforts to foster a community where every student can thrive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Laird Ruehlen

Principal, Timberline Secondary School

