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# OSTU News

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**As you are aware, there has been a rise in anti-SOGI rhetoric and parent complaints about SOGI in schools.**

**There has also been a lot of confusion with parents mixing-up SOGI and the Sexual Health Curriculum. If you receive requests or complaints regarding Sexual Health or SOGI in your classroom that you feel unequipped to respond to, please refer the parent to your administrator.**

*Click the links below to access a K-12 Sexual Health Curriculum scope and sequence that you can forward to parents who inquire about what is being taught, and also a sample statement you can send to caregivers related to SOGI.*

**Sexual Health Scope and Sequence - SD67 Website**

## Sample Statement for Parent Questions Regarding SOGI Resources

### Professional Boundaries

“Educators have a privileged position of power and trust. Educators are responsible for the physical and emotional safety of students. Educators are role models. Educators are held to a higher standard and are accountable for their conduct on and off duty.”

- Professional Standards of BC Educators

***These are some of the Professional Standards to which we teachers are held, and to which our employer holds us accountable. It can be difficult to walk the line between caring for and supporting students, and not getting ourselves in trouble for overstepping or crossing a line.***

### Pro-D News

Interested in presenting on a Pro-D Day? You can apply for an honorarium by filling out the form located on the OSTU website under the Pro-D tab. Email Jessica for more information.

***The Pro-D Committee is hosting a BCTF workshop on the next Pro-D Day (Tuesday, November 14th) called “Professional Boundary Issues.” Please consider taking this 3-hour online workshop to learn more about the Professional Boundaries mentioned above.***

**Email Jessica**

## Updating Your Contact Information

***There are a few organizations related to your employment that you need to notify if you change any of the following: legal name, address, phone number, or email address.***

1. The school district: [hr@sd67.bc.ca](mailto:hr@sd67.bc.ca)
2. The local teachers' union office: [keith@ostu.ca](mailto:keith@ostu.ca)
3. The Teacher Regulation Branch:  
<https://teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca/LoginInfo/YourAccountLogin.aspx>
4. The BCTF: <https://www.bctf.ca/topics/services-information/membership-expenses-and-administration>
5. Pacific Blue Cross (Extended Health Benefits provider): <https://service.pac.bluecross.ca/member/>
6. Teachers' Pension Plan: <https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/managing-your-account-information>

## Know Your Contract

### Article G.20 - Sick Leave

Sick leave with pay is earned based on 1.5 days a month and is prorated for part-time teachers. Sick leave days are advanced at the start of the year.

If you are working in a contract or if you are on medical leave, please contact the office before you run out of sick leave days.

TTOCs who do not have sick leave days have access to 5 ESA sick days.

**Let's try something different! *Everyone* who replies with**

**constructive feedback about the newsletter (questions? comments? suggestions?) will be entered into a draw for the next gift card! I look forward to reading your thoughts! - Lauren**



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