



The Safe Schools Coalition

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Ally Action (California)
American Friends Service Committee
Anti-Defamation League
Avanti High School
BEND-IT Queer Youth Arts and Music Festival
Camp Ten Trees
Capital District Gay & Lesbian Community Council (Albany, NY)
Charles Wright Academy (Tacoma, WA)
Comprehensive Health Education Foundation
Diversity Productions
East Hartford High School (Connecticut)
Equality New Mexico
Families United Against Hate
Friends of Project 10
Gay & Gender Research
Gay Straight Alliance Network
Gender Spectrum
GLOBE (sponsored by PFLAG Everett-Snohomish County)
GLSEN - Washington State
Greater Seattle Business Association
GroundSpark's Respect for All Project
If You Don't They Will
Ingersoll Gender Center
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center
Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship/ Kitsap Safe Schools Network
Lake Washington Education Association
Lambert House
Lifelong AIDS Alliance
Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Center
Morningside Academy
North Carolina Healthy Schools Initiative
OASIS Youth Center/Pierce County AIDS Foundation
Odyssey Youth Center
Olympia Community School
One-In-Teen Youth Services (Nashville, TN)
Oregon Safe Schools and Community Coalition
OSPI (The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington State)
Passages Northwest
Peninsula Pride Alliance
PFLAG National – Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays – and 4 local chapters: Bellevue, Olympia, Seattle and Skagit Valley
Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest
Planned Parenthood of the Inland Northwest
Power of Hope
Pride Foundation
Public Health - Seattle & King County
Puget Sound Community School
Rainbow Beach at the Center Project (South Carolina)
Ravenna United Methodist Church
Respect Sacramento (California)
Safe Schools Coalition – Idaho Chapter
Safe Schools of Wyoming
St. Vrain Valley School District (Colorado)
Scouting for All
Seattle Counseling Service for Sexual Minorities
Seattle Office for Civil Rights
Seattle Public Schools
Shorecrest High School Gay Straight Alliance
Teaching Tolerance/Southern Poverty Law Center
Teen Talking Circles
Turning Institute
University of Puget Sound
University of Washington - Q Center
Vista Youth Center (Kennewick, WA)
Washington Association of School Social Workers
Washington Education Association
Washington Gender Alliance
Washington State University's Gender Identity/ Expression & Sexual Orientation Resource Center
Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation
YouthAware Educational Theatre
Youth Guardian Services
Youth Suicide Prevention Program

Safe Schools Coalition endorses HB 2801-S because:

- It sets a clear minimum standard for harassment policies and procedures in districts. School districts shouldn't have to guess what is protective enough.
- It establishes a point person in every district regarding harassment. This will minimize the likelihood of students falling through the huge cracks between local schools as they transfer from school to school in an attempt to escape abuse at the hands of peers.
- It gives instruction to the Education Ombudsman to provide strategies and tools; families and districts are hungry for these kinds of resources.
- It establishes an on-going work group to ensure the work will continue.

Just this week, we have been assisting the family of a 5th grader who's been bullied unmercifully and beaten up twice by a group of three classmates ... apparently for his facial deformity and his Asian heritage. Earlier this month, we worked with a district where a 7 year-old girl had been assaulted by an 8 year-old boy at school. We hear of girls' head scarves being ripped off their heads, of children being bullied for being religious fanatics just because they carry a Bible to school.

Schools need every resource the legislature can provide.

Helping schools since 1988 to become safe places, where every family can belong, where every educator can teach and where every child can learn, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.