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Dear Families,

Although today marks the official Pink Shirt Day, many of our schools will continue to participate in Pink Shirt Day activities throughout the week. Pink Shirt Day began more than a decade ago as an awareness campaign about homophobic bullying. On behalf of the Board of Education and senior staff, we want to take this opportunity to share with you what kind of community and culture we work to create.

We pride ourselves in providing engaging, inclusive environments that support the unique learning needs of each child. When students feel welcome, supported, respected and safe, they are more engaged in learning. With the many ways the pandemic has impacted the day-to-day lives of students and their emotional well-being this year, Pink Shirt Day is perhaps even more important to spark additional conversation about caring behaviour and connection.

