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Ms. Cynthia Schultz  
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Dear Ms. Schultz:

Thank you for your letter of October 26, 2015 to the Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan and myself, regarding the proposed Bill 612, "The Respect for Diversity Student Bill of Rights." Premier Wall has asked that I respond to you directly. I want to assure you that the Ministry of Education takes any incident where a student's request for a student alliance is denied seriously and we are committed to ensuring that all students feel safe and accepted in their schools and communities.

At this time, the ministry is not considering pursuing legislation for Gay-Straight Alliances (GSA) in Saskatchewan. However, we will continue to support any student who requests a GSA or other broader Social Action Committees or Respecting Differences Committees. In October, the government released the document entitled *Deepening the Discussion: Gender and Sexual Diversity* to all provincial school divisions. The online professional learning resource is intended for school division staff to develop a deeper understanding of gender and sexual diversity and to assist them in providing safe, equitable and inclusive learning environments for all students.

In addition to the online professional resource, your letter also referred to our ministry's policy statement in regards to this issue. The policy statement indicates that all school divisions are directed to respond positively to students' requests to establish a student alliance for gender and sexual diversity in their schools. In the event that any students' request for an alliance is denied, the Ministry of Education will work with the school division to ensure that the needs of each individual student are being met.

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If you have further questions, I invite you to contact Kevin Gabel, Executive Director of Programs, at 306-787-1843 or [kevin.gabel@gov.sk.ca](mailto:kevin.gabel@gov.sk.ca).

Thank you for taking the time to write with your concerns. It is with the support of thoughtful and caring educators such as yourself that we will be able to create safe and accepting learning environments for all students in Saskatchewan.

Sincerely,



Don Morgan, Q.C.  
Minister of Education

cc: Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan  
Kevin Gabel, Executive Director, Programs Branch, Ministry of Education