

**Presentation Recommendations by Presenters: Kelsey Patton, Milena DeVito, and Bruce Lyth** made on Dec. 4, 2002 in Coquitlam, Winslow Centre.

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Recommendations to Safe School Task Force

1. **Education-** Educate staff and students on anti-oppression issues through assemblies, training education students, current staff INCLUDING administrators
  
2. **Anti- Discrimination Policy**
  - i. Introduce anti-discrimination policies within the school act.
  - ii. Encourage all schools to adopt an anti-discrimination policy to protect/support all students
  
3. **Resources and Information-**
  - A. Have resources available in libraries that include and reflect information about the diversities of families (including GLBT- Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered issues).
  - B. Have resources information for counsellors on how to support students thinking about their sexual orientation.
  - C. Have information about GLBT issues in curriculum (Challenging Homophobia in Schools: A K- 12 resource for educators, counsellors and administrators to aid in the support of, and education about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered youth and families, produced by Gay and Lesbian Educators of BC is an excellent resource)
  - D. Refer to outside community agencies such as Gab Youth Services at The Centre, Youthquest! AND advocate to Ministry of Children and Families Development continue to support these agencies.
  
4. **Gay- Straight Alliances ‘GSA’-** encourage every secondary school student to set up a GSA to provide students with a safe and supportive environment.
  
5. **Symbols-** have posters or stickers showing students that there is a safe environment for the GLBT student population.