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Subject: Letter of Support for the Welcome Friend Association and Rainbow Camp

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Algoma District School Board, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Welcome Friend Association and Rainbow Camp®.

The Algoma District School Board is committed to creating safe, welcoming and inclusive learning environments for all students, including Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth. Across the communities we serve, our staff work to ensure that 2SLGBTQ+ students feel respected, supported and able to participate fully in school life.

Rainbow Camp® has been an important community partner in this work. Representatives from Rainbow Camp® have participated in Pride events within our schools for several years, helping students feel seen, supported and connected to a broader community of care.

The programs and outreach offered by Rainbow Camp® provide 2SLGBTQ+ youth and allied youth with opportunities to build confidence, develop leadership skills, form positive relationships and experience a strong sense of belonging. These opportunities are especially important for students living in rural and Northern communities, where access to affirming services and peer support can be limited.

We recognize the Welcome Friend Association's efforts to secure a permanent home for Rainbow Camp®. A permanent location would provide greater stability and create opportunities to expand year-round programming, youth leadership development, online supports, community partnerships and other services for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and their families.

The Algoma District School Board supports the continued work of the Welcome Friend Association and Rainbow Camp® and recognizes the positive contribution they make to the well-being of 2SLGBTQ+ youth throughout Algoma District and beyond.

Sincerely,

Joe Maurice
Superintendent of Education - Equity, Reconciliation & Well-Being
Algoma District School Board