Multi Stall, All Gender Washroom Opens on Intermediate Floor

In alignment with the TDSB Gender Based Violence Prevention Team, Annette Street Public School and High Park Alternative are committed to creating learning environments where people of all gender identities, gender expressions and sexual orientations feel empowered and supported.

Students within our Social Justice League, with the support of school staff and Administration, initiated the implementation of a multi stall, all gender washroom as a means to create a barrier free and inclusive school climate for all students. The process of implementation included Grade 6 – 8 students meeting with equity advisors from the TDSB Gender Based Violence Prevention Team, participating in a workshop presentation by City View Alternative School students to learn about their process of implementing a multi stall, all gender washroom, engaging in ongoing classroom discussions with a focus on gender identity and expression and barriers for inclusion and completing a survey about multi stall, all gender washrooms in our schools. All school staff at Annette and High Park engaged in Professional Development with the TDSB equity advisors and a social worker and engaged in ongoing conversations with respect to gender diversity. A parent information night was held to share information with our parent communities.

As the City of Toronto and TDSB celebrate Pride Month, ASPS and HPAS were pleased to open our multi stall, all gender washroom on Monday, June 13. The washroom is located on the intermediate floor of the school and can be accessed by grade 6 – 8 students. Students continue to have access to a girls’ exclusive and boys’ exclusive washroom.