

May 19, 2020

Dear Burnaby Students & Families,

For the last six years, the Burnaby School District's SOGI Committee has hosted an annual breakfast celebrating the International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia (IDAHAT). This event has traditionally been hosted in-school and focused towards high school students across this district. Due to the current restrictions because of COVID-19, we have decided to reimagine this year's event virtually. We still wanted to find a way to celebrate the day in a positive way, connect with our LGBTQ+ students and their families, and offer a sense of hope during these difficult times. We hope our reimagined event this year does just that.

On May 22, our SOGI Committee will be hosting its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual IDAHAT Breakfast, re-imagined through a virtual live-streamed event. While we will be hosting the event live (remotely), the event will feature a collection of pre-recorded videos submitted by a diverse group of local, queer community members ranging from renowned authors, prominent politicians, incredible Burnaby students, and more! Each guest contributor has been asked to submit a video that is no longer than 10 minutes in which they reflect on the idea of "community" as it relates to their queer identity. The concept of community is a powerful idea and one that has deep roots. Community is what links us all together, supports us in times of adversity or challenges, celebrates our accomplishments and successes, and helps pave a positive path for the future.

In total, we expect the event to run from 10:00am to 11:30am. Though our event has typically been aimed at secondary students, going virtual provides opportunities for intermediate students (grades 4 –7) to participate as viewers, and families with younger students may choose to tune in together as well.

We would like to extend an invitation for you to attend this event. Please register for the event by visiting our Eventbrite page.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/idahat-reimagined-virtual-event-tickets-104798838146>

Link to the Livestream TEAMs Event: [IDAHAT Reimagined Event](#) (Click on Day of the Event)

Additional details about the event can be found at:

[https://sd41.sharepoint.com/sites/SOGI\\_Construction/SitePages/IDAHAT-Reimagined.aspx](https://sd41.sharepoint.com/sites/SOGI_Construction/SitePages/IDAHAT-Reimagined.aspx)

Sincerely,

Burnaby's District SOGI Committee