



## SOGI 1 2 3 Briefing – October 2019

SOGI 1 2 3 is a set of resources created by ARC Foundation to support existing champions within the Alberta education system who are focused on creating safe school environment for all students. Established in 2007, ARC Foundation's vision is a world where children and youth live authentic lives, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity (SOGI). Our mission is to build awareness, respect and capacity through education.

### ***What is SOGI 1 2 3?***

SOGI 1 2 3 shares proven SOGI-inclusive tools and resources that have been created by educators for educators. The resources focus on three key areas: SOGI 1 – Policies and Procedures, SOGI 2 – Inclusive Environments, SOGI 3 – Educator Resources. When all three pillars of SOGI-inclusive education are implemented, students have the opportunity to flourish. Inclusive learning involves every part of the education system: SOGI 1 2 3 supports educators in building inclusive classrooms as all students deserve to feel welcome, safe, and included.

### ***Who is behind SOGI 1 2 3?***

Beginning in September 2017, ARC Foundation has facilitated conversations with the following Alberta provincial champions who have a history of supporting SOGI-inclusive education:

- Alberta Education;
- Alberta Teachers' Association;
- Alberta School Councils' Association;
- College of Alberta School Superintendents;
- Alberta School Boards Association;
- Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association;
- Public School Boards Association of Alberta.

ARC Foundation also facilitates dialogue with not-for-profit community partners in the Edmonton area with ties to SOGI-inclusive education, as well as the SOGI Educator Network.

### ***What is the SOGI Educator Network?***

The SOGI Educator Network enables educators leading SOGI-inclusive education work in their communities to meet, share resources, celebrate successes and collectively overcome obstacles within and across districts. There are currently seven school districts in the Alberta SOGI Educator Network including: Edmonton School District; St. Albert School District; Sturgeon School Division; Aspen View School Division; Elk Island PS Regional Division; Red Deer School District; Fort McMurray School District. The Educator Network is a grassroots group of educators who support each other and collaborate on shared priorities related to SOGI-inclusive education. SOGI 1 2 3 resource creation is driven by educators, for educators and the Educator Network provides the space to collaborate.

### ***How do SOGI 1 2 3 resources work?***

SOGI 1 2 3 provides ready to use, age appropriate SOGI-inclusive resources that align with the provincial curriculum. Just as teachers leverage other resources like shared lesson plans, teachers can customize SOGI 1 2 3 resources to meet the needs of their classroom.

### ***How is SOGI 1 2 3 funded?***

Alberta has a long history of supporting all youth, and ARC Foundation has collaborated with groups already supporting SOGI inclusive education in the province. Our collaboration funders include: the Alberta Ministry of Children's Services; The Stollery Charitable Foundation; Edmonton Community Foundation; and the Alberta Human Rights Commission.