This document describes the walkout occurring on **Friday October 3rd at 10:30 am** throughout the province of Alberta.

#### What is a walkout and how does it work?

A walkout is a sudden departure from a place of work or education as a sign of a protest or a strike. In our case, we are having a school walkout, meaning we will be walking out of class in protest against Bills 26, 27, and 29 that the Alberta Government is putting in place. School walkouts are completely legal for all students, but students may face disciplinary action if they leave the school grounds for an invalid reason. During a walkout the student will be marked absent, so please take that into consideration. *Please only walk out if it is safe!* 

## When are we walking out and what do we have to do?

We are walking out of class at 10:30 on Friday October 3rd 2025.

Calgary Junior High Schools & all other Alberta Schools

Walk out of your class and stand **off of school property** (across the street) to demonstrate. <u>Calgary High Schools</u>

We are meeting at the location of Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides' office - **8561 8A Ave SW Second Floor #2214, Calgary, Alberta**, otherwise known as Demetrios Nicolaides

MLA. We are meeting there at around 11:45 to 11:50 to participate in a peaceful protest. Make sure to figure out your transportation methods as soon as possible. (Transit may be easiest.)

### What are we protesting against?

We are protesting against Bills 26, 27, and 29 in Alberta. These three bills received royal assent in October of 2024, all of them restrict the rights of transgender minors in Alberta, therefore infringing upon Charter-given Rights and Freedoms: Freedom of Expression, equality rights and the right to life, liberty and security.

#### So what do these Bills actually do?

- Bill 26 The Health Statutes Amendment Act
  - Prohibits sex reassignment surgery for people under 18. Some examples of sex reassignment surgeries include top surgery, bottom surgery, face feminization/masculinization surgeries etc
  - Stops doctors from prescribing hormone replacement therapies, such as estrogen and testosterone
  - o Prohibits doctors from prescribing puberty blockers
- What effects does Bill 26 have?
  - Violates the individual's Charter rights, specifically the freedom of expression and the equality rights
  - Targets a minority of people who are already frequently targeted
  - Removes the rights of parents to make medical choices with their children

o Creates challenges for medical professionals

#### • Bill 27 - The Education Amendment Act, 2024

- Requires the school to notify and seek parental consent for a student 15 years old or younger if they want school staff to refer to them by a new gender-related name or pronouns
- For students 16 or 17 years of age the school needs to notify the parents about their request of their preferred name and pronouns
- What effects does Bill 27 have?
  - Violates student's Charter rights
  - Transgender teens will be put in danger, often stripping them of the safe space where they can express their identity without parental influence
  - The bill does not take into account that by notifying the parents about the student's preferred name or pronouns they can be subjected to mental and or physical abuse from their guardians
  - Has the potential to drive up suicide rates

## • Bill 29 - Fairness and Safety in Sports Act

- Require any athletes that want to join a female-only sports team need to provide proof of their assigned sex at birth
- Forcefully puts transgender athletes on teams that do not match their gender identity
- Ignore factors that contribute to individual's athletic abilities (Not all related to individual's assigned sex)
- Allows complaints to be filed about the eligibility of an athlete, resulting in them having to prove their assigned sex
- What effects does Bill 29 have?
  - Violates individuals' charter of rights.
  - All girls and women have their bodies under question, even as cisgender women and girls
  - Forces organizations to collect vulnerable information about women
  - Violates individual's right to participate in any sport of their choosing, therefore isolating them and restricting their right to express their identity

## What should I bring?

- Water
- Snacks
- Prescribed medication
- Flags

Make signs and bring them with you to make our message clear. Wear a mask and/or sunglasses if you want to protect your privacy in case of us being filmed, or kindly ask other people to not record you.

# **Questions?**

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