



# Media Release

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## Rainbow Ball Continues Tradition of Safe, Welcoming Event for LGBTQ+ Students

**Brantford Ont.** – Building on the enormous success and positive momentum of previous events, Delhi District Secondary School will host the fifth annual Rainbow Ball, welcoming LGBTQ+ students and allies from across Grand Erie to the semi-formal dance on Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m.

“The Rainbow Ball is a fun evening that celebrates the diversity of all of our students,” said Colleen Bator, Teacher at Delhi District, who is overseeing the organization of this year’s event. “For our students who are part of the LGBTQ+ community, this evening provides a vibrant space where they can be themselves and feel supported by allies, including fellow students, teachers and administration. Events like the Rainbow Ball are important in reinforcing to all of our students that they are celebrated, supported and appreciated for being just who they are.”

Grand Erie’s first Rainbow Ball took place at Simcoe Composite School in 2015. It was organized by the school’s Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA). In 2016, the event moved to Haldimand County, hosted by McKinnon Park Secondary School for two years. Last spring, Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School hosted the fourth, and largest, event.

The 2019 Rainbow Ball is being organized in concert with Delhi District’s GSA, which has been running at the school for nine years. The theme for this year is Disney. Those interested in attending can purchase a \$10 ticket through their school’s GSAs or their main office. Complimentary transportation to Delhi District from Brant and Haldimand counties is being provided by Safe Schools.

Grand Erie’s Multi-Year Plan includes Equity and Well-Being among six key pillars instrumental in reaching the overall goal of *Success for Every Student*. Promoting safe, welcoming environments that recognize students’ emotional well-being and allowing them to participate fully in their school experience are ways the Rainbow Ball demonstrates Equity and Well-Being.

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