

Dear Parent,

Thank you for reaching out and asking to learn more about our situation and our child, XXXX. XXXX has a diagnosed medical condition, called Gender Dysphoria (commonly referred to as “Transgender”). This means that, although born with male body parts, XXXX has always felt she is a girl. After careful consideration, and seeking the help of professionals, including a Minister in our community, we chose to support our child’s decision to live her life as a girl.

This is XXXX’s personal medical information, and her wish is that only those people who need to know be made aware.

You and your child may have questions about what this is and why this happened, and a good explanation is that XXXX was born with a girl’s brain and living as a boy makes her feel very sad on the inside. As you may imagine, this journey has not been easy and it is our hope that you can find it in your heart to support our child.

Attached to this letter is a presentation that provides a good overview of this condition, and the following link at BC Children’s Hospital provides lots of information if you are interested:

<http://www.bcchildrens.ca/Services/SpecializedPediatrics/EndocrinologyDiabetesUnit/Families/TransgenderResources.htm>

As you will appreciate, Montessori educational ideals value inclusivity and diversity. At our school, children from every kind of family and culture can feel at home and be appreciated for exactly who they are. The Principal and Staff at XXXX Montessori School have been extremely supportive of XXXX’s needs for a safe learning environment.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email at (?), and we would be very happy to connect with you to try and help. You could also contact the School District XXXX Psychologist, at (phone number).

Sincerely,

Parent of transitioning youth.