

Strategy: Quiet Parent Allyship

Approach



Advocating for Change



Creating Inclusive Spaces

Group



Parents and Families

Context



Community Concerns



Unsafe Environment

Scope



Slow Growth

What to Know

Some allies want to help but fear being on the receiving end of public backlash. Low profile support such as writing private letters of support to SOGI-inclusive educators, requesting inclusive materials through libraries, and quietly attending school board meetings to clap for affirming speakers can all boost SOGI-inclusion.

Doing It Right

Empower parents to take action that feels safe and authentic for them. Affirm that there are many ways to show support, and all of them are valuable.

Evaluating Success

School staff feel seen and supported. Supporters and allies maintain involvement without being put into the spotlight.

Next Steps

Create an opt-in “quiet ally” email list. Only ever send messages to this list using “BCC,” to protect the anonymity of list members. Offer monthly prompts for small actions. Occasionally check in about whether long-time quiet allies are ready to take part in more visible strategies.