

Why

do we still need to talk about
ending violence against women?

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BCTF statement on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

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Because misogyny and sexism are still so pervasive in Canadian society and schools, teachers are called upon to confront many facets of these issues daily, BC Teachers' Federation President Glen Hansman said today.

Speaking at the annual BCTF commemoration of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, Hansman said: "There's tremendous pressure put onto girls and young women in a culture of hyper-sexualization, and strong messages given to boys and young men that this hyper-sexualization is okay and that their access to female bodies is an entitlement. As teachers, we know we must interrupt this unhealthy and unequal dynamic."

He decried the culture of male violence that still exists, and acknowledged the additional burden of discrimination and violence that impact the lives of Aboriginal girls and women in Canada.

"As a union, the BCTF tackles these issues through workshops, training, advocacy for policy changes, and efforts to make resources and supports accessible for cisgender and transgender women," Hansman said. "Students and teachers in all areas of the province need access to comprehensive, accurate, and inclusive training, and curricular supports addressing consent, dating violence, sexual health, and antiharassment."