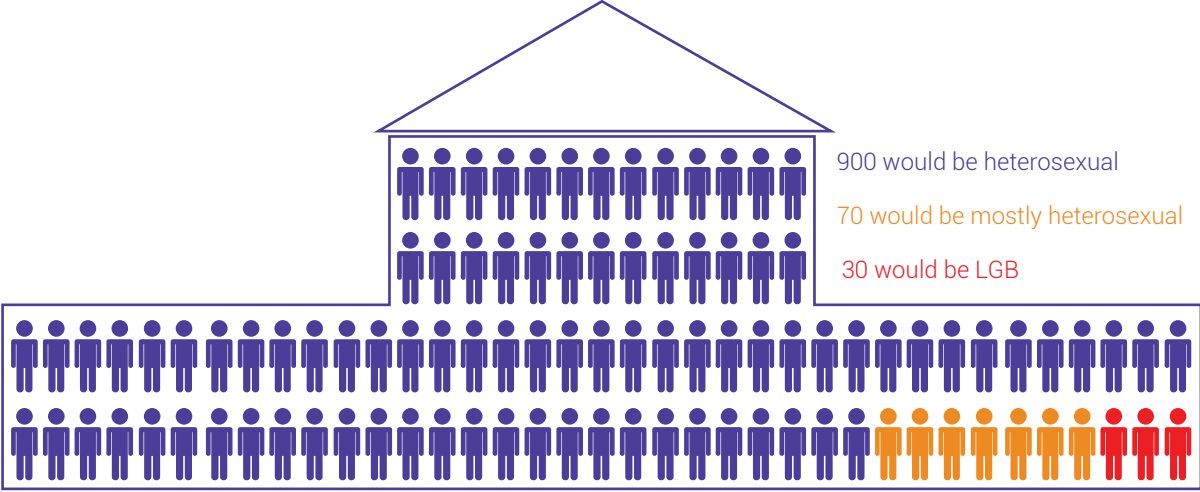



Supporting LGBTQ Youth



Research suggests that a GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance or Gender-Sexuality Alliance) intervention in secondary schools could have positive impacts on the youth attending. A team from McCreary and SARAVYC systematically reviewed and analysed research on GSA interventions and applied the results to a 'typical' BC secondary school of 1,000 students.

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 Having a GSA in place for more than three years, as opposed to having no GSA, could reduce:

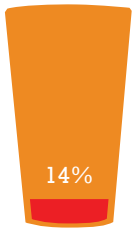


7 LGB students' suicidal ideation

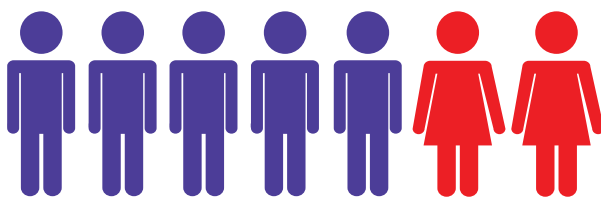
Fewer youth reporting problem substance use:



Fewer youth reporting binge drinking:



2 LGB girls' and 5 heterosexual boys' suicide attempts



What does it cost? What does it save?



The cost of implementing a GSA is about an hour's time per week for a sponser teacher or public health nurse during the school year, but could potentially save the health care system substantial amounts.

To see more information about how GSAs or other intervention methods can help in schools, please read our full report, School-based interventions to reduce health disparities among LGBTQ youth: Considering the evidence.

View the full report and download the factsheet at:
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