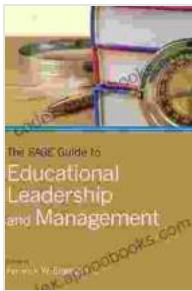# Belonging and Inclusion in Identity Safe Schools: A Path to Educational Equity

In today's diverse and rapidly changing world, it is essential to create school environments that are welcoming and inclusive for all students. Identity Safe Schools are schools that actively promote a sense of belonging, inclusion, and equity for all students, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, or disability.

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Creating Identity Safe Schools is not simply a matter of implementing a few policies or programs. It requires a fundamental shift in the way that schools think about diversity and inclusion. It requires schools to create a culture that is affirming of all students and their identities.

The Benefits of Identity Safe Schools

There are many benefits to creating Identity Safe Schools. For students, these schools can provide:

- A sense of belonging and connection

- Increased academic achievement

- Improved mental health and well-being

- A greater sense of social justice and responsibility

For schools, Identity Safe Schools can help to:

- Create a more positive and welcoming school climate

- Reduce bullying and harassment

- Improve school attendance and graduation rates

- Attract and retain a diverse and talented staff

How to Create an Identity Safe School

There are many ways to create an Identity Safe School. Here are a few key strategies:

- **Create a welcoming and inclusive school culture.** This means creating a school where all students feel valued and respected. It means having a curriculum that is inclusive of all students' experiences and perspectives. It also means having a staff that is trained in how to support LGBTQ+ students and students of color.

- **Empower students to be leaders.** Give students the opportunity to have a voice in how their school is run. Create student clubs and organizations that promote diversity and inclusion. Encourage students to speak out against injustice and discrimination.
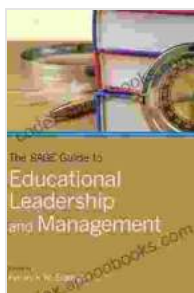
- **Provide resources and support for LGBTQ+ students and students of color.** This may include providing access to counseling, support groups, and mentoring programs. It also means having policies in place that protect LGBTQ+ students and students of color from discrimination and harassment.

- **Partner with community organizations.** There are many community organizations that can provide resources and support to schools that are working to create Identity Safe Schools. These organizations can provide training, workshops, and other resources to help schools create a more welcoming and inclusive environment.

Creating Identity Safe Schools is an essential step towards creating a more just and equitable world. By providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students, we can help them to reach their full potential and make a positive contribution to society.

Take action today!

Learn more about how to create an Identity Safe School by reading our book, **Belonging and Inclusion in Identity Safe Schools**. This book provides a comprehensive guide to creating schools that are welcoming and inclusive for all students.

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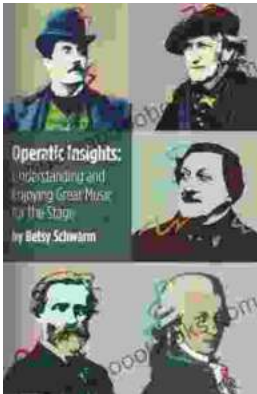**Belonging and Inclusion in Identity Safe Schools: A Guide for Educational Leaders** by Becki Cohn-Vargas

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