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Ivan Coyote is a writer, storyteller and proud member of the trans community. Coyote be bringing a message of inclusion and tolerance to Vernon next week.

School District 22 is bringing Coyote to the area Sept. 17.

As a seasoned stage performer, Coyote often visits many schools and tackles topics such as family, class, gender, identity and social justice.

Coyote's stories remind people of their own fallible and imperfect humanity while at the same time inspiring them to change the world.

Speaking with passion and an eye for beauty found in what makes us all human, Coyote will challenge youth to take an honest look at bullying and how we can all take an active part in creating safer schools for everyone.

"School District 22 is inclusive and open to all students and staff members, regardless of gender and identity," said Supt. Joe Rogers. "We believe our students deserve a safe place to get an education and we look forward to hearing Ivan speak."

The topic of sexual orientation, gender identity and inclusion is not something that is new at School District 22.

Earlier this year, Seaton Secondary Leadership students painted an entrance wall in rainbow stripes to show their support in making their school more inclusive.

The greater Vernon community is invited to attend Coyote's show, sponsored by Vernon DPAC, on Monday, Sept.17 at 7 p.m. at Vernon Secondary School.

Got to the [School District 22 website](#) for more information.

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