



School District No. 57 (Prince George)

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

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Hadih>Hello Parents and Guardians,

As Director of Indigenous Education for School District 57, I am excited to update you on the culturally informed initiatives and programs we are providing to our many First Nations, Inuit, and Metis students. As inclusive educators, we also ensure that all students have opportunities to learn from and appreciate Indigenous worldviews and values.

As Indigenous people, we believe that relationships and consultation are key to any successful venture. As such, the direction and goals of Indigenous Education have been developed through the council provided by our Indigenous Education Committee, discussion with both Lheidli T'enneh, McLeod Lake Indian Band and Simpcw First Nations, and finally through the formal process outlined in our Local Education Agreements.

Here are just a few of the ways we are engaging Indigenous students and supporting their success:

- Indigenous Education Workers in every school dedicated to academic achievement and a Social Work team to assist in wrap around care for families in need.
- Development of local language resources to revitalize the use of local dialects among students and raise visibility district wide.
- Involvement of Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Holders in a variety of school visits, camps, and field trips focused on culturally centered professional development for district staff, and training by influential, Indigenous, luminaries in the field of education.

These programs and more are financed by Indigenous Education Targeted Funds and each is designed to enhance the learning opportunities for Indigenous and other students, and each meets the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Education.

By declaring Indigenous Ancestry for your child at school registration or through Self-Identification process they will gain access to these programs and services.

If you would like to decline these services for your child, please notify the Indigenous Education Worker at your child's school or the Indigenous Education office in writing or by phone by September 30, 2022. If we do not hear from you by this date, your child will continue to receive Indigenous Education programs and services.

If you have questions regarding programming or Self-Identification, please contact Melissa Morin (mmorin@sd57.bc.ca) at the Indigenous Education Office.

Nenachailya/ We are thankful to you for what you have done,

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