

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dave Eberwein, Superintendent

January 17, 2024



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BILL 40 – SCHOOL AMENDMENT ACT, 2023

POLICY REVIEW – PARENT REQUEST



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Melissa Austin, District Principal, Indigenous Education

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Provides specificity on **Local Education Agreement** language and options

Provides **priority enrollment** at elementary / middle / secondary schools for **Indigenous students who live on reserve**

Creates the requirement to have an **Indigenous Education Council** in each school district



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SCHOOL OF CHOICE – Sept 2024

- Allows a First Nation to designate a *School of Choice* for Indigenous students who are living on-reserve

PLEASE COMPLETE IF INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY		BAND OF RESIDENCE	STATUS CARD #
<input type="checkbox"/> Metis	<input type="checkbox"/> FN <input type="checkbox"/> Status – on reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> 0652 - Pauquachin	<input type="checkbox"/> 0653 - Tsartlip
<input type="checkbox"/> Inuit	<input type="checkbox"/> Status – off reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> 0654 - Tsawout	<input type="checkbox"/> 0655 - Tseycum
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Other - # _____ Name _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer			
If Indigenous Ancestry would you like to:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I give permission for my child to access programs and services from the Indigenous Education Program for the current school year.			
<input type="checkbox"/> No, I would like to <u>decline</u> services from the Indigenous Education Program for the current school year.			

- These students will have priority registration within the timelines currently established by our district (e.g. Kindergarten registration)
- Transportation to *School of Choice* still to be clarified



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LOCAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT (LEA)

- First Nations still have the choice as to whether they want an LEA
- Saanich Schools has an LEA with the WŚÁNEĆ FN. Options for the Nation's consideration:
 - No LEA
 - Remain in existing LEA
 - Negotiate a new LEA
 - Apply the new provincial model LEA (Spring 2024)



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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL (IEC) – Sept 2024

- Every district is mandated to have an IEC with a new provincial standard
- Terms of Reference to be set out in a new Ministerial Order (spring 2024)
- IECs are independent from Boards of Education and will prioritize membership to First Nations on whose territory school districts reside (i.e. WSÁNEĆ FN)
- Trustees and district staff can attend IEC meetings, if invited, but will not be voting members



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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL (IEC) – Sept 2024

- IEC Purpose:
 - To integrate Indigenous world views and perspectives
 - To advise the Board on Indigenous student achievement
 - To advise the Board on the distinct languages, cultures, customs, traditions and history of First Nations
 - To advise the Board on other grants (e.g. Feeding Futures) in relation to Indigenous students
 - To review and approve plans / reports related to Indigenous Education Targeted funds



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PLANNING:

- Province continues its consultation with FNEESC on implementation
- Jan 2024 - Student priority registration in Saanich Schools begins; We anticipate minimal effect on schools.
- January LEA meeting with the WSÁNEĆ FN:
 - Discuss LEA format for 2024-25 school year
 - Discuss *School of Choice* and how this will be determined
 - Preliminary discussion on IEC requirement while waiting for provincial Terms of Reference (Spring 2024)
- Transportation considerations to be clarified in Terms of Reference (Spring 2024)



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QUESTIONS?



POLICY REVIEW

- Policy 6 (Policy Making and Review) provides clear direction that the Board retains authority for Policy Planning, Development, Implementation and Evaluation.
- Policy 6 also provides opportunity for persons outside of the Board to make policy suggestions. Specifically:
 1. *Any trustee, employee, parent, student or other community member may make suggestions regarding the possible development of a policy or the need for policy revisions on any matter by presenting a proposal for a policy or revisions, in writing, to the Superintendent. The proposal shall contain a brief statement of purpose or rationale.*
 2. *The Superintendent will inform the Board of the request for policy development/revision. The Board will determine the action to be taken.*



POLICY 16 REVIEW REQUEST

- The Superintendent received a parent request for the Board to consider changes to Policy 16
- Included in the Board Pack is a copy of the Appeal Request from Mr. Gary Ng
- The Board needs to determine the action to be taken with this request:
- Superintendent's Recommendation:
 - ***That the Board refer the Policy 16 Review request from Mr. Gary Ng to the February 2024 Policy Committee for its consideration and possible recommendation(s) to the Board***

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