

## Quarterly Report April 21, 2021: Education

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### Education Jurisdiction

*Education jurisdiction* is a vital next step in self-governance:

- ✓ Governance Code
- ✓ Taxation laws
- ✓ Election Code
- ✓ Membership Code
- ✓ Land Code
- ✓ Financial Administration Law
- ☐ Education Jurisdiction

Currently, we have authority over the following in education:

- We manage financial, administrative and operational costs for all levels of community education
- We establish our local education philosophy, goals, and objectives
- We develop policies regarding management and administration, program and curriculum standards, building requirements, staffing and resource requirements
- We include parents, Elders, community organizations and community members in educational matters.

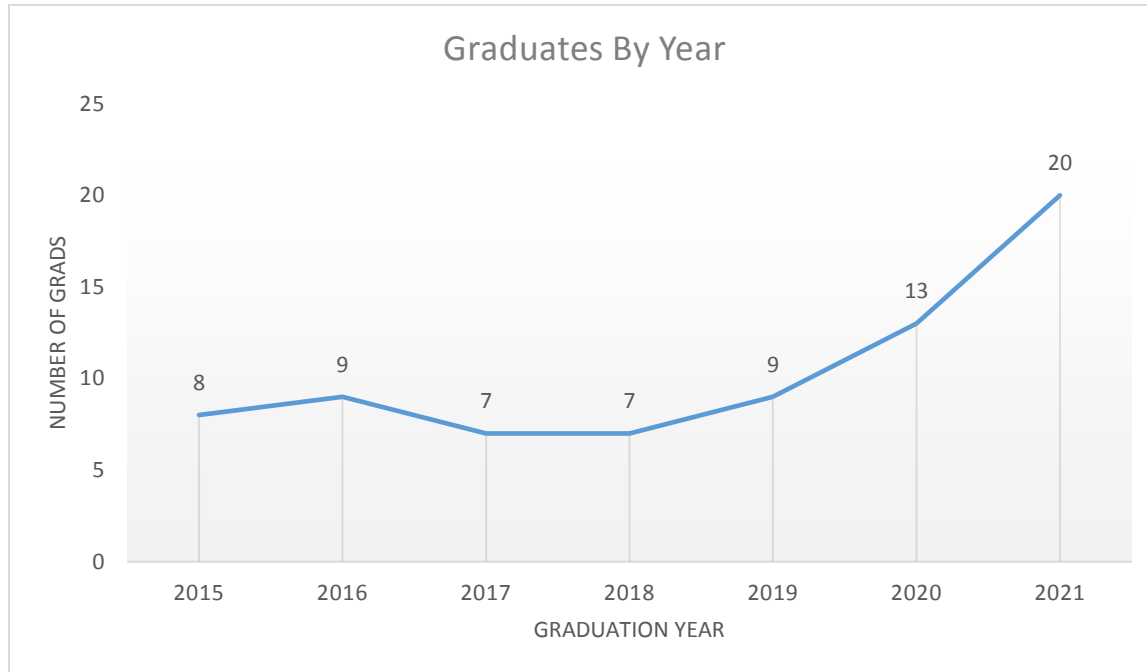
With our own *Education Jurisdiction*, we will take care of everything we currently manage, and also the following:

- We will **develop and teach our own curriculum**, which will reflect our own ways, language, and history. We will learn about our story and who we are.
- We will **develop our own graduation requirements** – it might include land-based learning courses and Halq'meylem, fishing and environmental stewardship – we get to say.
- We will **certify our own teachers** – and their learning will be rooted in our own ways, our language and our history.

What is next? Engaging the community – informing everyone about the potential in having our own education authority, and encouraging everyone to participate in the vote on this next important step for Seabird education and self-governance.

## High School graduation success

We are very pleased to announce our biggest graduation class ever, with the numbers showing a steady increase over time. Congratulations to the class of 2021!



## High School Second Floor Completion

The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the high school was not finished with the initial build because we ran out of funds. The second floor is currently 7500 sq ft of unfinished and thus unusable space. The completion of the second floor will add three classrooms, and allows us to move the grade 7 students from the elementary school to the high school. We can then add a library to the elementary school.

We are currently working with an architect to complete the drawings, and we plan to get the work done this coming summer.

## Meetings with SD78

School District continues to work in consultation with First Nations communities. Five consultative meetings were held with Seabird Island recently:

- October 22 – w/ Seabird Island Education Committee
- November 20 – general topics meeting
- February 9 - transportation meeting
- February 24 - meeting to discuss at-risk learners
- March 9 - meeting to discuss educational progress

### Seabird College:

Our big funding grant that has allowed us to deliver so many programs over the last 3 years is coming to an end in June. We are going to analyze what options we have for future programs and training without that flow of grant funding. We need a model that makes business as well as community sense. Stay tuned for future news.