

## Seabird Island Education

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# Education Quarterly Report October 2022

## **Local Education Agreement with SD78**

#### **Held strategic Meeting with Education Committee:**

- October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- Discussion Included:
  - Local Education Agreement with Seabird Band and SD78
  - Education Committee desires <u>BAND ACCOUNTABILITY</u> from <u>SCHOOL DISTRICT & INDIVIDUAL</u> <u>SCHOOLS</u> concerning the following:
    - Student Retention and Attendance
    - In School programming and Resources
    - Effective Parent/Guarding Engagement
    - Cross Cultural training/professional development of Staff
    - Extra-curricular Activities

#### Signed LEA dated July 23, 2021, Agreed Items:

- 2 collaborative meetings & 4 quarterly meetings:
  - to discuss issues affecting student progress and successes.
  - Scheduling meetings have commenced first formal meeting on <u>DECEMBER 2, 2022</u>

## **Culture and Language Program**

- Halq'eméylem language programming:
  - Each classroom participating in 4 land-based learning activities
    - One for each Season (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter)
- Changing the School Year Calendar:
  - As part of Education Jurisdiction:
    - Calendar will take Seasonal Cultural Activities into Consideration
- Vision and Mission Statements:
  - Translated to Halq'eméylem
    - (May require revisit in future to make more precise and concise)

# Parent/Guardian Engagement

- Parent/Guardian Engagement:
  - Formal and Meaningful
  - By Establishing a Parent's Committee as per Education Law
  - Reach out to parents who are living off reserve.
    - Development of Parent/Student Handbook is being developed

 Parents/Guardians wishing have a voice in education program of their children, we welcome their input





#### **In-school Programming:**

 We continue to promote and offer a high-quality education program to ensure that our students can succeed in a career of their choice.

 We are also beginning to conceptualize locally developed courses that include more language and cultural teachings.

### **Extra-curricular Programs**

This area is a work in progress and more information will be forthcoming in the following months. We are aware that we must improve on this issue.



## **Nominal Roll Funding**

We will have final numbers on October 14, 2022.

## **Seabird College and Employment/PESP**

- ABE and Adult Dogwood
  - Some student attendance issues.
  - Some new programs coming on stream:
    - a Level 1 Building Inspector Program
    - An Entrepreneurial Course.
      - Both programs scheduled to start on <u>January</u>, <u>2023</u>.
        There are <u>no pre-requisites</u> for both courses.
    - Will begin recruiting once we finalize all agreements.
- A Life Skills program entitled "Wellness and Work Readiness" Program will commence on October 17, 2022 and will end on February, 2023.



## **Education Long term Goals:**

To obtain a life cycle study on the elementary school so that we can submit a proposal for an addition due to overcrowding.

To obtain a life cycle study on Seabird College for program expansion and to become a Centre of Excellence. We need to look at building a new building with student dorms and daycare.



## **Education Short Term Goals:**

 Establish an Education Governance Board as part of the Education Jurisdiction Process;

To review and decolonize the policies the Education Policies and to decolonize the policies identified coming from Seabird Band perspective.

