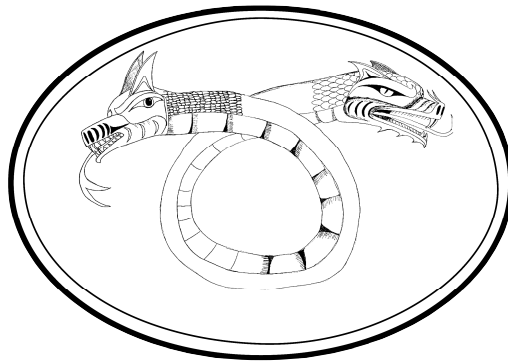


School District #40 New Westminster Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement

On October 7th, 2004, SD #40 signed the Enhancement Agreement at a traditional Sto:Lo feast and ceremony hosted by our elder in residence, Se'qwa:ynten (Danny Charlie). The collective responsibility for promoting the success of all Aboriginal student in SD #40 is acknowledged through the partnership between the Aboriginal and Educational communities and the Ministry of Education.

Goals of Aboriginal Education

- To increase the involvement of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students with Aboriginal Culture
- To improve Aboriginal students performance at the intermediate level in and reading and writing
- To improve the grade-to-grade transition rate at the secondary level and secondary school completion rate of Aboriginal students
- To reduce the percentage of Aboriginal Students identified in Ministry of Education Behaviour categories in New Westminster



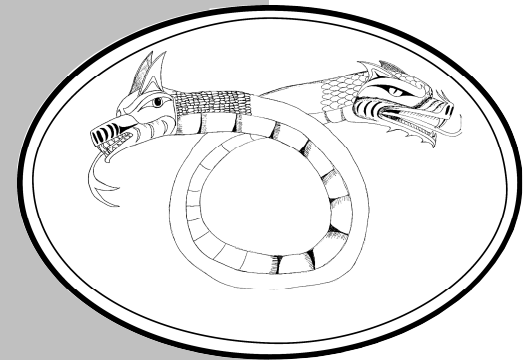
About the logo:

This logo has been approved by Chief Rhonda Larrabee of the New Westminster (Qayqayt) First Nation for use by Aboriginal Education programs in School District No 40.

The double headed serpent is a supernatural symbol that can be interpreted in a variety of ways. This traditional educational symbol deals with the concept of choice. The story of the double headed serpent reminds us to always work on choosing a balance of forces in our lives.

The design uses coastal art forms from the Salish and Kwakwaka'wakw Bands and was created by Xwa'lack tun, a Salish artist and his son, James Harry, who is a New Westminster Secondary School Graduate.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION



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Aboriginal Education Program Staff

District Based Staff

Janet Grant Director of Instruction
(604) 517.6160

Bertha Lansdowne Aboriginal Education
Coordinator
(604) 517.6316

- Responsible for the development, design and support of programs for Aboriginal students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 12

Laura Newman Program Assistant
(604) 517.6300 VM 9319

- Supports Aboriginal students at the Secondary school level
- Assists in the delivery of the District Cultural program for K-12 students

Cultural Programming in Schools

SD40 Aboriginal Education has expanded its district cultural program. Aboriginal artists are available for art instruction and cultural teachings. In addition, our district cultural presenter is visiting both elementary and secondary school classrooms offering cultural teachings that are tied to Aboriginal learning outcomes in Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Foods, Planning and Fine Arts. The cultural program creates awareness of and understanding about Aboriginal history and culture for all students.

School Based Staff

District Aboriginal Support Workers:

Lee Laufer (604) 517.6300 VM 9689
Renee Kress (604) 517.6300 VM 9339
Sherry Bellerose (604) 517.6300 VM 9861
Tiffany Brown-John (604) 517.6300 VM 9340

- Offer academic, social and cultural support to Aboriginal Students
- Act as liaison between family and school
- Take part in the development and implementation of class teachings across the district

NWSS Support Teacher:

Corrina Musgrove (604) 517.6264

- Monitors the academic progress of students from Grade 8-12
- Offers tutorials and learning assistance as needed
- Ongoing communication with Aboriginal team and with NWSS parents, teachers and counselors

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee

This representative committee consists of Parents, Aboriginal Staff, Educators, Elders, Administrators, students and other community members. They provide direction and advice on Aboriginal Education issues and programs. We would like to invite you to join this important committee and share your views and create positive changes in your community.

Community Based Programs

Spirit of The Children Society

(604) 524.9113

The *SOTCS* offers programs and services to children and families in New Westminster, Burnaby and the Tri-Cities.

Youth groups (13-19 on Tuesdays)

Youth Kitchen (Mondays)

call (778) 318.7704

Mentoring Program for Aboriginal

Children and Youth (10-18 yrs old)

call (604) 626.7127

Other programs include:

Traditional Family Kitchens,

Women's Support Circle,

Men's Support Circle,

Early Childhood Education Family Drop in
Aboriginal Parenting Program

"Everything is laid out for you.
Your path is straight ahead of you.
Sometimes it's invisible,
but it's there. You may not know
where it's going, but still you have to
follow that path.
It's the path to the Creator.
That's the only path there is."

--Leon Shenandoah, ONONDAGA