



**SOOKE**  
**SCHOOLS 62**  
Shaping Tomorrow Today



## NA'TSA'MAHT INDIGENOUS EDUCATION In-Class Support and Programming Consent 2021-22

"Na'tsa'maht means...  
being of one mind, one spirit.  
Together, working side by side,  
supporting each other, walking together.  
Good mind, good spirit for the good of our children,  
for the good of Mother Earth sustaining us."  
— Elder Shirley Alphonse

### SD62 Na'tsa'maht Indigenous Education Academic and Cultural Programming

The Na'tsa'maht Indigenous Education Department offers a variety of programs and opportunities for Indigenous learners. Our goal is to enhance educational, social, and cultural opportunities for Indigenous students. By indicating on your child's registration form that they have Indigenous Ancestry (Status/Non-Status, Inuit or Métis), your child is eligible to receive these enhanced programs and services.

The programs and services are intended to boost achievement, engagement, deepen the understanding of Indigenous perspectives and content already being offered throughout the Kindergarten to Grade 12 curriculums. The programming is inclusive of all students, held in-class, with no pull-outs for Indigenous or non-Indigenous students. Examples of programs and services include: Indigenous Role Model presentations, Elders-in-Residence programs, project-based cultural teachings and academic support provided by program assistants and/or literacy teachers. Secondary students are also advised of opportunities pertaining to scholarships, bursaries, post-secondary opportunities, and community programs.

Each year, by the end of September, schools are required to obtain confirmation from parents as to whether they wish for their children to continue to have access to these services. All students will receive these enhanced programs unless we hear from you. If our information is incorrect or if you do not wish your child to participate in the enhanced programming please contact your child's school before September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

If you have any questions about Na'tsa'maht Indigenous Education programming, please contact the Na'tsa'maht staff member at your child's school or the Na'tsa'maht SKÁPET (Gathering) Office at 250-474-9833.

School District 62 is proud of the relationships and grateful for the partnerships that have been built with local Nations and Urban Indigenous Organizations.

*Sooke School District acknowledges the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation and Scia'new Nation and Nuu-chah-nulth: Pacheedaht Nation. We also recognize some of our schools reside on the traditional territory of Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation.*

**Na'tsa'maht One Mind, One Spirit - caawidk<sup>™</sup> Do Together - Peyak mimwayr Peyak isprii One Mind, One Spirit**