



School District No. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)

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Dear SD54 Parents &/or Guardians and Policy Stakeholders,

Consultation on Policy Revisions

Policy revision continues to be ongoing focus of the Board of Education and the Board values the consultative input of its stakeholders throughout the process.

Attached you will find the following a new policy that has been created by the policy committee. We would appreciate your consideration and comments with respect to this new policy.

1) Policy # 1.500 – Witsuwit'en Territory Acknowledgement

Policy #1.500 was created by the Board to encourage respectful, authentic and reflective acknowledgement of the Witsuwit'en territory.

We would appreciate receiving your comments prior to Friday, February 14, 2025. It is our hope to present final draft revisions to the Policy Committee on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 and seek board approval at the March 11, 2025 board meeting. You would be welcome to attend both committee and board meetings.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself directly at 250-877-6825.

Yours truly,

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Secretary Treasurer
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Attachments

cc: M. McDiarmid, Superintendent of Schools
J. Fox, Assistant Superintendent
Policy Committee

Board of Education
SCHOOL DISTRICT 54 (Bulkley Valley)

WITSUWIT'EN TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1.500

POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes the importance to acknowledge and reflect on Bulkley Valley School District existing and living on the traditional territory of the Witsuwit'en Nation

VALUES

In its consideration of this policy, the Board has been guided by its respect for acknowledging the Indigenous traditional lands of the Witsuwit'en Nation.

GUIDELINES

The following points should be considered when acknowledging the Indigenous territory of the Witsuwit'en Nation.

- A formal welcome will take place in September
- In Board Meetings, the Chair will acknowledge Witsuwit'en Territory. Thereafter, the Chair will provide time for others' personal reflection of the land.
- There are foundation components and terms that should be included in the land acknowledgement:
 - respectful
 - "unceded"
 - personal reflection
 - "Witsuwit'en Nation" / Clan Territory
- The following phrase should be considered:
 - "I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the unceded traditional territory of the Clan, home of the Witsuwit'en Nation... [personal reflection; "this is important to me because..."]

Adopted: XXXX, 2025