



Zeballos Elementary Secondary School

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To Parents and Guardians of ZESS students,

RE: Aboriginal Education Programs

You are receiving this letter because you indicated on our school registration form that your child is of Indigenous ancestry. It is a Ministry of Education requirement that the parent or guardian of a child receiving Aboriginal Education Services be consulted. This year your child will be offered the following programs and services outlined below.

Language & Culture:

Celina Hanson will be working with the school daily to help deliver language and cultural lessons. Each class will receive between 30 minutes and 60 minutes of language instruction daily. Other activities will include cultural teaching, art, cedar weaving, traditional food gathering and preservation, and on-the-land activities. There will be a regular Thursday singing, drumming, and dance practice for the whole school from 2:00 to 3:00. Community members are invited to lead singing, drumming and dancing.

Other Approved Programs:

We will prepare for Cultural Gathering that will be hosted at CMESS. Other activities beyond the regular 30 to 60 minute daily instruction will happen in school time as seasonally available. Examples include: preserving fish and cedar harvesting.

Support Services:

Staff will be made available to ensure that students have access to services they are entitled to receive under the Education Enhancement Agreement. This is inline with the district strategic plan and our school goal 3: Cultural Learning. Students will develop a positive personal and cultural identity by practicing Nuu-chah-nulth language and art (visual, singing, drumming, dance), and will describe ways that they participate in cultural activities.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about your child's participation in these programs and services, please contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Adam Barber
Principal, ZESS