



Honourable Jennifer Whiteside
Minister of Education
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October 28, 2021

Dear Minister Whiteside:

In accordance with the requirement included in Ministerial Order M-147, I am providing you with a final summary report regarding the progress related to the six actions outlined in your letter of April 6, 2021.

1. Reviewing and revising the Board's policies and codes of conduct for students to ensure the policies and codes promote a safe, welcoming, and inclusive school environment.
 - As per [Board Policy 514](#) and [Administrative regulation 514.1](#), all schools reviewed and submitted their codes of conduct in consultation with their school partners. The plans were then reviewed by senior staff.
2. Establishing a plan for enhancing student achievement in the district with a particular focus on inclusive education, children and youth in care, and Indigenous students.
 - As reported previously, the Board of Education approved a 4-year Strategic Plan, effective September 2021, at its Board meeting on June 15, 2021.
3. Developing a policy regarding inclusive board practices, after the Board has obtained and considered input from the school community.
 - The Board Chair and Vice Chair and senior staff received input from partner groups and the community at a gathering on September 13, 2021, and a draft policy has been created. The policy will be finalized, reviewed by the Board of Education and recommended for approval at the November/December Board of Education meeting.
4. Reviewing and, if necessary, revising Board Policy 205 "Code of Ethics for Trustees" after the Board has obtained and considered input from the school community.
 - A draft policy was created in consultation with the Board of Education with the help of a consultant. Currently, the policy is in circulation amongst the partner groups for feedback. The policy will be finalized, reviewed by the Board of Education and recommended for approval at the November/December Board of Education meeting.
5. Arranging and participating in training provided or recommended by the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner.
 - The training was scheduled on Tuesday, June 29th and was attended by all members of the Chilliwack Board of Education and senior staff members.
6. Collaborating with Indigenous people and local First Nations to develop Board policies and procedures that allow for meaningful engagement with Indigenous community members.
 - Monthly Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting are attended by the Board Vice Chair and information is shared with the members of the Board of Education.

- Preliminary planning is underway to schedule a meeting with the Chiefs from the 10 First Nations Bands whose unceded lands encompass the boundary for the Chilliwack School District.

In closing, the Chilliwack School District is committed to ensuring that all students can learn in a safe and inclusive environment. The Board [Strategic Plan](#) and [Policy 110](#), which includes a revised mission, vision and motto along with a set of five core values, will lead the Chilliwack School District to achieve its short- and long-term goals that enable all students to be successful. While there continues to be much work to be done, the Board of Education, staff and community will continue to collaborate to create the educational and social environment our students need.

Sincerely,



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