

## **Indigenous Education Services**

School District 69 (Qualicum)
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Parksville, B.C.
V9P-2G5

September 6, 2016

Dear parents/ guardians,

For many years, our program in School District 69 has been known as First Nations Education.

While we were working on our third First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education Enhancement Agreement it was brought up by parents that we should change our program name to encompass all people of First Nations ancestry.

We did a survey at our December 3rd, 2015 Winter Celebration which was attended by over 200 families.

We asked the people in attendance by secret ballot to vote on the following three choices.

- 1. First Nations Education
- 2. Aboriginal Education
- 3. Indigenous Education

The results of the vote was overwhelmingly towards changing the name to Indigenous Education. So in light of the vote we have decided to change our program name to Indigenous Education to honor the majority of parents /guardians wishes.

If you have any questions regarding the name change, I may be reached at 250-954-3041.

Sincerely,

Rosie McLeod-Shannon District Principal; Indigenous Education Program School District 69 (Qualicum)