



Dear parents and guardians,

The Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique wishes to welcome and acknowledge the Aboriginal heritages within our school communities. It is therefore our pleasure to invite you to identify your Aboriginal ancestry if you are First Nations whether status or non-status, Inuit or Métis.

Your aboriginal ancestry may be via a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent, either in BC or elsewhere in Canada. Special targeted provincial education funds are allocated to the district to help improve cultural understanding, and academic achievement for aboriginal students based on the number of students identified.

The Ministry of Education accepts self-identification and it is not necessary to have information on the exact percentage of Aboriginal ancestry to be eligible. A statement signed by the parent is enough. However, it is desirable to tell us which Nation your family identifies with.

If you would like your child to take advantage of the First Nation Education program you may make your aboriginal heritage known to the school by filling out the Aboriginal Heritage Self-identification Form and returning it to your child's school office.

Have a great school year!

Best regards,

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*In a spirit of reconciliation, we recognize that our organization and our schools are located in the traditional territories of the First Peoples of British Columbia.*

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**Aboriginal Education**  
**Voluntary declaration of aboriginal ancestry**  
**First Nations, Inuit or Métis**

*The information below is important for your child, your school, and the CSF as it will result in increased resources for the CSF Aboriginal Education. If you have aboriginal ancestry: First Nations status or non-status, Inuit or Métis\*, you are invited to fill out and return this Aboriginal Heritage Self-identification Form.*

**Aboriginal Heritage Self-identification Form**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Aboriginal ancestry:  Yes  No Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (month/day/year)

First Nation  Status Status number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write the aboriginal Nation's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write the aboriginal Nation's Band name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Nation  Non-status \*\*

Please write the aboriginal Nation's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write the aboriginal Nation's Band name: \_\_\_\_\_

Métis\*  Yes

Inuit  Yes

\*The Métis (Capital M) are the people whose ancestors lived in western and northern Canada and received a land or certificate of Métis. In other words, they are descendants of the historic Métis nation.

\*\* Non-status First Nation commonly refers to people who identify themselves as aboriginal, but who are not entitled to registration on the Indian Register pursuant to the Indian Act and who are not parts of the Métis Nation or Inuit Nation.

By signing this form, you voluntarily declare that your child is of Aboriginal descent: First Nation, Métis or Inuit, and that you are aware of the services available to your child at school.

Parent or guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (please print)

Parent or guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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