



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

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Mission

Create a dynamic and safe environment for students to

- approach learning today and tomorrow with passion and joy
- acquire knowledge and skills according to individual potential
- develop personal and social values that prepare students to become citizens who contribute to a healthy, sustainable and democratic society; and
- enable all learners to develop their social, academic, emotional and physical well-being.

Vision

We envision a school system that

- enables all learners to attain individual success and personal fulfillment
- involves the support and engagement of all students, staff, parents and wider community; and
- prepares students to be citizens who fully participate in their local and global communities.

Our Common Goals

1. Continue to focus on educational excellence within our schools

We have enjoyed significant success in the areas of Early Learning, Literacy and School Completion for many years. Our focus on student health and wellness, and our efforts to meet the wide variety of needs of all learners will help to ensure we sustain and build upon our student's success.

Establish an Education Committee that will

- support staff in efforts to provide a wide range of courses/learning opportunities for students
- support enhanced opportunities for staff to engage in professional development through projects such as mentorship and inquiry-based projects
- encourage student participation in global and community social action
- support enhanced aboriginal programs and services
- liaise with and, when possible, partner with post-secondary education institutions for advanced and transfer credits
- support the use of technology with educational relevance
- support enhanced practical, fine, media and performing arts
- participate in provincial assessment tool review
- facilitate discussion regarding changes to the BC curriculum and the BC Education Plan
- support staff efforts to enhance students' national and global perspectives through activities such as cultural exchanges and welcoming foreign students.

Values

We believe in a school system that

- engages students in the joy of life-long learning
- maximizes student achievement according to individual interests, abilities and talents
- encourages critical thinking and inquiry
- ensures the physical, emotional and virtual environments in which we learn and work are safe, supportive and non-threatening
- fosters positive social attitudes and respect for diversity
- celebrates achievements of students, staff, parents and community
- respects rights and responsibilities of people within the community and without
- expects honesty, integrity, and professionalism throughout the system
- teaches the appreciation, conservation and sustainability of our natural environment
- encourages open communication in the school community
- builds collaboration and consensus into decision-making processes
- builds community partnerships that enhance learning; and
- advocates for the importance of public education.



2. Enhance communication strategies and foster greater community engagement in the school system

We value the support of the community and a wide variety of partners. It is important that we maintain communication processes that raise awareness to create potential for partnerships in our school system.

Establish a Communications Committee that will

- develop an annual plan for communications including intentional liaison with, and presentations to, community groups
- recognize and celebrate success in the school district
- review our web design and content
- enhance communication with the community through actions such as education week, newspaper supplements, school open houses
- define for business and other local organizations how they can contribute to public education
- encourage parent and volunteer engagement in schools
- consult/collaborate with business and other local organizations on how they may contribute to public education.

3. Ensure sustainability of our system and resources through effective and efficient management

We continue to maintain a transparent system ensuring that decisions are made with effective consultation and collaborative process. We are focused on protecting direct services for students and the need to sustain the infrastructure that allows us to meet student needs.

We will

- attract and retain exceptional teaching, support, and administrative staff
- maintain and improve school district facilities
- maintain and improve technological capabilities
- maintain and enhance our ability to reduce environmental impact, e.g. improving our reduce, reuse and recycling program and initiating green projects
- maintain and improve the level of Provincial involvement and advocacy for public education.

4. Complete the capital project and the disposition of surplus school sites

Capital Projects

- continue to monitor development related to the Big Eddy site
- continue to monitor market conditions related to the Mountain View site
- gather community input regarding Mount Begbie Elementary
- continue to provide public updates regarding the disposition progress of all three sites
- continue to work closely with the City of Revelstoke on developments of all three sites
- ensure that the Board honours the commitment to the Ministry of Education with respect to the proceeds from the sale of surplus properties.

