

July 1, 2011

Coquitlam School District #43 – Aboriginal Education

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver of

RE: Aboriginal Support Services and Programs Letter of Consent

The Coquitlam Board of Education, the Aboriginal Communities and the Ministry of Education continue to work together to improve the educational experiences for Aboriginal students.

Together we have created the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement that embodies the shared visions and commitment of all participating parties to the success of Aboriginal students in the following areas:

- Safety and Sense of Belonging
- Academic Achievement
- Knowledge and Respect
- Transition and Graduation

As well, we would like to inform you that your child has the opportunity to obtain additional support provided by the district's Aboriginal Programs and Services. The Aboriginal Program and Services are delivered to enhance the student's educational experiences which align with the above stated goal areas of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement.

The programs and services are available throughout the school year to elementary, middle, secondary and alternative program students for who have identified or have had parent/guardians identify them as having Aboriginal ancestry on the school registration form.

The Coquitlam Aboriginal Education Department offers these additional services in a variety of ways:

- Services provided by an Aboriginal Education Enhancement Worker, Aboriginal Youth Worker, and or Aboriginal Resource Teacher, which may include cultural, academic, social and emotional support, parent liaison and advocacy;
- District wide cultural projects, resources, leadership opportunities, and celebrations
- School based cultural programs and/or courses.

If you wish your child to receive service and/or participate in the variety of cultural projects offered throughout the district, please complete and sign the attached Consent form and return to the school.

Please note: Parental/Guardian consents can be changed at anytime. If you wish your child to be added or removed from the service list, simply contact the school to have a new form signed.

Sincerely,

Laurie Ebenal
Vice Principal, Aboriginal Education
Coquitlam School District

Parent /Guardian Consent

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It is important that you understand the nature of the program and services that are offered and that you have been given an opportunity to meet with staff members from the Aboriginal Education department.

If you have any further questions, please contact a member of the Aboriginal Education Team, all contact information is available on the Aboriginal Education website or call 604.945.7386 after August 30, 2011.

Please complete the following and return in the stamped self-addressed envelope to the Aboriginal Education Department .

I/we hereby give my permission for my son/daughter to receive Aboriginal Cultural Services and/or Programs.

Student First Name _____

Student Last Name _____

Parent/Guardian name (Please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

School Name _____

GRADE

September 2011

Aboriginal Ancestry _____

Resident Band _____

Or

I/we **DO NOT** give consent for my son/daughter to receive the above services:

Student First Name _____

Student Last Name _____

Parent/Guardian name (Please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

School Name _____

Aboriginal Ancestry _____

Resident Band _____