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Honouring Our Ancestors – Acknowledgement of the Traditional Territories

Option #1

Today we/I recognize and honour all of the First Nation's Ancestors and their Relations who called this land, on our Mother Earth, home.

We/I also recognize and honour all of your (and my) Ancestors and Relations.

In this, we recognize our Ancestors as the caretakers of our Mother Earth. It is their journey and care for her that has brought all of us here today.

All my relations

Option #2

Today we/I acknowledge the Traditional Territory and honour the Ancestors and all relations who walked this land long before we were gathered here today.

We/I would like to acknowledge, with gratitude, this beautiful place where we live, work and play - the Coast Salish Nations.

All My Relations

Option #3

We/I would like to acknowledge that School District 43 resides on core territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nations people and lies within the shared Traditional Territories of the Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, Musqueam, Squamish and Sto':lo Nations. It is customary to acknowledge, at the beginning of any gathering, that we stand and learn on Sto':lo traditional territory. We thank you Sto':lo people for sharing this land with us.

Pronunciation:

Kwikwetlem - - Kwayh-quit-lam

Katzie - - Kate-zee

Squamish - - Squo-mish

Tsleil-Waututh - - Slay-wa-tooth

Musqueam - - Mus-kwee-um

Sto':lo - - Staw-low or Stow-low

All My Relations