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October 29, 2018

RE: Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day Wednesday November 14th

To Parents and/or Guardians of a Grade 9 students:

This letter is to inform parents and guardians of Grade 9 students that Port Moody Secondary School will take part in the annual **Take Our Kids to Work** program sponsored by "The Learning Partnership". This organization was established in 1993. Its mantra is to support a strong public education system in Canada through innovative programs. Take Our Kids to Work is one of those programs.

At Port Moody Secondary School, we believe *career exploration* is an important component of what students should experience prior to graduating; the **Take Our Kids to Work** program allows your son/daughter a wonderful opportunity to explore an actual career from actual employees. This year's **Take Our Kids to Work** day is on **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. On this day, all Grade 9 students are encouraged to go to work with a parent, guardian, uncle, aunt, etc. It is expected that students will gather an appreciation of what goes on in a work place, understand the skills that they may need in the future, gain an understanding work place safety and employee rights, and of course have fun.

What we require from all participating parents and/or guardians and students:

- Read 2018 **Take Our Kids to Work** Parent Guide online: https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/TLP/media/Documents/TOKW/TOKW-Family-Guide\_WEB.pdf
- Complete and return the consent form (see attachment) to their block one teacher by November 8th.

If you are unable to find a place of employment for your son/daughter, your child is expected to come to school, he/she will be placed in a supervised study area.

If you have any further questions about the day, please visit the **Take Our Kids to Work** website found at www.thelearningpartnership.ca or you can email me at CiCampbell@sd43.bc.ca

Sincerely,

Ms. Campbell PMSS Counsellor CiCampbell@sd43.bc.ca

Attachment

## Parent/Guardian Consent Form:

We need your consent

## To be completed and signed by a parent or guardian and student, then returned to the school.

To the Parent/Guardian: Your child has the right and responsibility to have a safe and educational workplace visit.

Health and Safety education is an important element of this program. Review this form with your child and sign below. If you have additional questions about safety, contact the school or the workplace. Student's name: ...... Teacher's name: ....... My child has my permission to participate in this program. ☐ My child may be photographed, interviewed or videotaped on Take Our Kids to Work day by the workplace or by The Learning Partnership for the purpose of promotion, advertising and public relations purposes related to Take Our Kids to Work Day. ☐ The workplace is aware that my child will be visiting on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/safety attire. Telephone: ..... OR My child will accompany a: (check one) ☐ friend ☐ relative ☐ community host Contact's name: ......Telephone: ...... Workplace name: ..... ☐ A colleague at my workplace would be willing to host another student in need of a placement. Colleague's name: ......Telephone: ...... **Elements of risk** All experiential learning programs, such as field trips, cooperative education, job shadowing and Take Our Kids to Work participation, involve certain elements of risk. Injuries may occur while participating in this activity without any fault of the student, the school board, or the host employer. By allowing your child to take part in this activity, you are accepting the risk that your child may be injured. I understand that there are risks associated with my child visiting a workplace and I have reviewed the Elements of risk section above with my child. Parent/Guardian signature: Date: Date: 

To learn more about any of the initiatives mentioned in this guide, or to download Take Our Kids to Work resources, visit our website: **thelearningpartnership.ca/tokw** 

