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Important Dates this Week:

- Sept. 6 –In-service Day
- Sept. 7- First Day with Students
- Submit student enrollment daily for first week of school

Up and Coming Dates:

- Sept. 12 – Edited Draft School Plans Due
- Sept. 19 – Board Meeting
- Sept. 21 – P/VP Meeting
- Sept. 21 – DPAC Meeting
- Sept. 29 – 1701 new date*
- Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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Welcome to the first week of the 2022-23 school year!

I hope everyone was able to get in a little bit of relaxation time over the long weekend. I certainly know how busy everyone has been preparing for school start up in your buildings. I wish each of you an inspiring first week back with your students and staff. We are so fortunate to be able to focus on learning and learner engagement right from the start of the school year! As we begin our year, please remember to send in your enrollment numbers as soon as possible each day, during the first week of school. A reminder email was already sent to your admin assistants. The updated District Communicable Disease Plan has been posted to our school district website, please remember to update your school communicable disease plan as well. You can look forward to further information coming your way soon regarding the recent announcement of the Ministry Affordability Grant. This is good news for our learners, families, and communities. I am looking forward to a new and exciting school year as we return to a more “normal” way of starting up our schools.

Take good care,
Christina

Quick Links:

- [ERASE website](#)
- [K-12 Communicable Disease Guidelines – Aug. 2022](#)

ACTION ITEMS

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS AND SAFE SCHOOL COORDINATORS – 2022/23 School District Grants: In partnership with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, grants up to \$10,500 will be available to school districts in the 2022/23 school year to support new or existing mentorship programs for youth who may be associated with gangs or are at-risk of entering gang lifestyle. [Applications](#) are open until October 5. Please direct any inquiries to the Performance Evaluation and Compliance Team: SOC.hub@gov.bc.ca

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FOR ACTION, SECRETARY-TREASURERS, DISTRICT PRINCIPALS OF INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND DIRECTORS OF INDIGENOUS EDUCATION: Nominal Roll Joint Verification

Process Webinars: The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC), the Ministry of Education and Child Care, and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) **invite you to register** for this year's Nominal Roll Learning Series – Joint Verification Process (JVP) webinar. Details and registration links are available in [this event backgrounder](#)

INFORMATION ITEMS

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, DIRECTORS OF INSTRUCTION AND PRINCIPALS/VICE-PRINCIPALS – Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement – Implementation Supports:

Further to the [announcement](#) last March, the Ministry will be introducing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement in the 2023/24 school year as part of the Province's commitment to truth and reconciliation. This [update](#) provides information on new implementation support resources for school districts, including a handbook, Q&A, PPT deck, BAA course criteria, and upcoming workshops for educators.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, DIRECTORS OF INSTRUCTION AND PRINCIPALS/VICE-PRINCIPALS – Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement – Student Video:

Following up on last week's announcement regarding the [new Indigenous-focused graduation requirement](#), the Ministry has released a short video showcasing B.C. students' perspectives on the importance of this next step toward reconciliation. The video is available on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). For more information on the new graduation requirement, contact GradRequirements@gov.bc.ca.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, SECRETARY-TREASURERS AND PRINCIPALS/VICE-PRINCIPALS – Funding Eligibility of Undocumented Students:

With the potential for an increased number of undocumented or refugee school age students arriving in B.C.'s schools ahead of the September 1701 count, school district staff are reminded in this [information document](#) of the [Operating Grant Eligibility directives](#) and the [K–12-Funding Refugee Policy](#). Directives to verify B.C. residency are not intended to exclude displaced students and their families who are B.C. residents and may have unresolved federal immigration status.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS AND SCHOOL PRINCIPALS – June 2022 Graduation

Assessment Results, Student Transcripts and Dogwood Certificates: [The June 2022 Graduation Assessment results](#) have now been posted to the [School Secure Web](#). Transcripts and Certificates are being printed and will be couriered to school district offices for distribution to schools.

HONOURING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Truth and Reconciliation Week 2022: [Register](#) now to participate Sept 26 to 30, 2022. Centred on the theme "Remember the Children," the week will be dedicated to memorializing the children lost to the residential school system and honour survivors and their families. An expanded program with age-appropriate material for students in Gr. 1 to 12 and all sessions will be held virtually on Hubilo.

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Indigenous Leadership as Ceremony: Weaving Together our Collective Stories and Knowledges into the Fabric of the British Columbia Public Education System: This outstanding article was written by the BCSSA indigenous Leaders and appeared in the Spring 2022 edition of the InspirEd journal. Read the article [HERE](#)

Braiding Sweet Grass - Book by Monique Gray Smith: The Outdoor Learning Store has managed to secure up to **1000 copies** of [Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults](#) for when it is set to be released later this fall. This is a beautiful adaptation of Robin Wall Kimmerer's bestselling work by Canadian Indigenous author, Monique Gray Smith. In addition to powerful Indigenous stories and lessons connected to the land, this adapted version offers informative sidebars, reflection questions, and art from illustrator Nicole Neidhardt (Navajo), Preview this, and submit your pre-order for copies here: <https://outdoorlearningstore.com/product/braiding-sweetgrass-for-young-adults/>.

4 Seasons of Reconciliation: Learn about the history and culture of Indigenous communities in Canada, the history of residential schools, and treaties around the country in this First Nations University Course offered out of Saskatchewan. Upon completion of this 3-hour, multimedia course, you will receive a certificate of completion. 4 Seasons of Reconciliation is available to purchase via single registration, or as a bulk enrolment. Learn more [HERE](#)

Indigenous Relations Academy Self-Guided Course. [21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act](#) is now available as a course! The self-guided training is filled with 21 knowledge checks that will help test participants' understanding and even provide new information relevant to the current day. Costs for the online course, which will take up to three hours to complete, is \$21/person.

Mental Health and Well Being Resources

Trauma-related Resources: View information from the Ministry [HERE](#)

Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators (EASE) resources created by the Ministry of Children and Family Development [view Healthy Minds HERE](#)

Well at Work K-12 Online Leadership Course [Learn More HERE](#)

Well at Work Advisory Service [Learn More HERE](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

Cultures Connecting: Virtual Workshop:

Untangling the Knots of the Heart - Sharing Our Full Selves in Pursuit of Collective Healing - Thursday September 8th 2022 4:00pm to 5:30pm Hosted by **Ilsa Govan & Tilman Smith** featuring **Dr. Caprice Hollins & Dr. Shakti Butler**. Please join us as we extend beyond our intellects and egos towards responsibility, accountability, humility, and ultimately a reimagined world. [REGISTER HERE](#)

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Safer Schools Together: Trauma-Informed Safe and Caring School Communities **Sept. 16**, 8:30-3:00 pm PST Virtual / online - Cost \$199 Facilitator: Ocean Van Samang. [Register HERE](#)

Nelson Professional Learning Opportunities: See links below for more detailed information regarding live sessions.

[Tracking the TRC'S Calls to Action and "Legacy" of Residential Schools:](#) Featuring **Niigaan Sinclair** Live online 6:30-7:45pm ET on the following dates: Oct 4, 2022 - Oct 18, 2022, - Nov 15, 2022 - Jan 17, 2022 - Feb 28, 2022

[You Are the Strategy: Leading Effective AND Affective Education:](#) Featuring **Dr. David Tranter** Live online 3:45-4:30pm ET on the following dates: Oct 11, 2022 - Oct 25, 2022, - Nov 8, 2022, - Dec 6, 2022, - Feb 7, 2022, - Apr 6, 2022

[The Whole Truth About Residential Schools: Then and Now](#) (on-demand access until October 31, 2022, no cost)

[See Us, Learn Us: Teaching About the Black Canadian Experience](#) (on demand access until December 31, 2022)

Specialized Training: VTRA from an Indigenous Perspective: Facilitated by **Kevin Cameron:** Course being offered in September and November online: learn more [HERE](#)

Resources & Information

TELP Impact Report: by Louise Stoll - <https://telp.educ.ubc.ca/impact-report-2021/>

The Voice, Summer 2022

While many high school students across the province are learning to drive their first car, in Abbotsford, British Columbia there's a special one-of-a-kind program preparing students to get behind the wheel of vehicles with a little more power — and a lot more dirt. The Abbotsford Heavy Equipment Operator program provides specialized hands-on career training to high school students with support from partners like the BC Road Builders and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Learn more [HERE](#)

Rick Hansen School Program

Add to the meaningful conversations that are already happening with your learners in the diversity, equity and inclusion space. The Rick Hansen School Program provides classroom resources in the form of speakers, activities and videos to support you and your students to explore accessibility and inclusion. [Click here](#) (English) to find out more! - [click here](#) (French)

BCPSEA Occupational Health & Safety Violence Prevention Workplace Tools: BCPSEA along with Partner groups have created a set of tools to support violence prevention in the workplace. <https://bcpsea.bc.ca/resources/occupational-health-safety/resources-tools/>

SOGI News

Mark Your Calendar – SOGI Summit. **Oct 19, 2022 Online** - Registration Opening Soon!

It is an honour and privilege to work, learn and play in the traditional territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw.

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Sogi123 website: [click here](#)

Resource Corner – 2022 SOGI Booklist

B.C.'s [safe and healthy schools website](#) offers a wide array of resources to keep schools, and those who rely on them, healthy and safe. This includes the updated [Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings](#) and the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12](#) documents, as well as other important resources.

ChildCareBC News: View these resources focused on the ministry's work on **Inclusive Child Care**.

[Inclusive Child Care Toolkit](#)

[Foundation of Inclusive Child Care course](#)

[Early Years Professional Development Hub](#)

French Resources: now available at FocusED: <https://focusedresources.ca/en/french-resources>

BC Edtech Startup Bringing Place-based Online Education to Schools Across the Province: All BC public schools will be able to access Live It Earth's bilingual, place-based online education programming for K-7, thanks to an agreement with Focused Education Resources. Learn more [HERE](#)

Anti-Racism Resources: An inventory of anti-racism resources is available through [Focused Educational Resources](#). [Learn more](#)

Digital Threat Assessment: Safer Schools Together: View information about upcoming training [HERE](#)

The VANAS Conference focuses on Digital Entertainment Skills for the Future of Work. Join creators for an inspiring event of interactive workshops, presentations, career education and real-life, real-world experiences in the Animation, Visual Effects, and Video Game industries. <https://www.vanas.ca/global/vanas-conference-2022>

CMEC Copyright Consortium is forwarding to schools a copyright information package that highlights for teachers the importance of copyright compliance and adhering to the *Fair Dealing Guidelines*.

The fairdealingdecisiontool.ca website is promoted as a teachers' reference for their fair dealing questions.

Outdoor Education

[Free Fall Outdoor Learning Virtual Workshop Series](#)

Six Tuesdays: Sept 13 - Nov 29

Take Me Outside and The Outdoor Learning Store are continuing to coordinate this seasonal series which provides access to some of the top experts, resources, research and ideas available in North America. Each engaging 60min workshop comes complete with prizes, a certificate of attendance and discounts for outdoor learning resources. **Free Registration:** <https://outdoorlearningstore.com/workshops/>

[Outdoor Learning Resources & Tools for Teachers & Students](#)

You can [view the 2-page overview](#) of what is available this fall. For more

information info@outdoorlearningstore.com **2-page Overview:** [Fall Resources & Equipment](#)

[C2C 2022 Provincial Conference](#) **Oct 21-22, Revelstoke (on Provincial PSA Day)**

Join us for this 2-day, in-person conference as we reconnect ourselves with landscapes, waterways and each

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other in the mountains and rivers around Revelstoke. The conference will convene at the Revelstoke Mountain Resort for two days of diverse and dynamic activities.

Early bird registration closes soon! <https://www.c2c-bc.org/annual-conference-2022>

[The Outdoor Learning Store](#) has just released a new Indigenous Learning Bundle! [Animals Care for Mother Earth](#) was designed, written and curated by Indigenous author, Terri Mack (Da'naxda'xw Awaetlala), and Indigenous author and artist, Bill Helin (Tlingit, Tsimshian). It combines 6 stories with teaching resources, Indigenous plant cards, animal finger puppets and animal stamps to teach, through storytelling, the value of personal strengths and community supports. As always, 100% of proceeds go back to supporting outdoor learning non-profit initiatives. <https://outdoorlearningstore.com/product/animals-care-for-mother-earth-bundle/>

Connecting Youth and Nature: The [David Suzuki Foundation](#)'s Suzuki Superhero Challenge encourages kids to spend time outside and learn environmental responsibility. [Free Resources](#)