



# SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

November 17, 2021

Jason Tichauer, Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education  
Joe Pierre, Aboriginal Education Coordinator  
Faye O'Neil, Aboriginal Education Coordinator  
Jennifer Roberts, District Principal -Transformative Learning  
Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant to Superintendent and Director of Student Learning

Dear Jason, Joe, Faye, Jennifer and Gail,

On behalf of the Board, we would once again like to offer you our sincere gratitude for the work you have done, and continue to do, on behalf of students through your involvement with the District Professional Development Day.

This year's District Indigenous Education Professional Development Day, *Creating a Relationship of Mutual Respect* was a wonderful blend of in-person and on-line learning. It was especially meaningful to us to have Marisa Phillips able to present and talk about the SD5 Aboriginal Education Logo that she designed specifically for –and about–our District.

Please pass along the Board's sincere gratitude to her for making the time to personally share this milestone with our staff.

We also wish to pass along our appreciation for the remarkable keynote presentation by Dr. Dustin Louie. It was both timely and insightful and will no doubt help guide us as we further strengthen our mutually respectful relationship with all Indigenous Peoples who live and play on the beautiful, unceded territory of the Ktunaxa Nation.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank Bonnie Harvey for her land welcoming and to each of the gifted breakout presenters; Sonya Morigeau, Chrystal Williams, Juanita Eugene, Matt Quick, Tejay Joseph, Sunshine Joseph, Tod Lunan, Josh Lockhart, Marlin Ratch, Elder Marie Schoenthal, Amy Cross and Sophie Pierre.

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Jason, Joe and Faye, please accept our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your work and pass along these heartfelt sentiments to all the excellent staff who support you in the wonderful work you do.

Jennifer, thank you for ensuring the smooth operations of the on-line components of this year's District Day. Please accept our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your work and pass along these heartfelt sentiments to all the excellent IT staff whose "behind the screen" work supports the learning of our students throughout our District.

Gail, thank you for your tireless work on all those small details that often go unnoticed, but whose impact *would* be noticed if they were not attended to. Please accept our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your work.

Once again, the Board would like to acknowledge and thank you for your outstanding service in furthering Indigenous Education in our District.

Sincerely,

Frank Lento, Board Chair  
Trina Ayling, Trustee  
Bev Bellina, Trustee  
Krista Damstrom, Trustee  
Chris Johns, Trustee  
Kathryn Kitt, Trustee  
Doug McPhee, Trustee  
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