

# FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Our Vision

Students love to learn here, staff love to work here, families love to gather here

#### 2. Our Mission

Our students will graduate with dignity, purpose and options

#### 3. District Values

The following values shall be cultivated within our School District as both a responsibility and a right:

- Respect: the special esteem or consideration in which we hold others;
- Vision: imagining how things could be; imaginative foresight;
- Fairness: respect for others' rights and needs of others;
- Collaboration: working together on work of an intellectual nature;
- Integrity: complete disclosure and the absence of falsehood; and
- Inclusion: an environment in which all individuals are able to fully participate in a meaningful manner.

# 4. The District Logo Design and Use



- The logo depicts an adult and a student and highlights the District focus on teaching, learning
  and relationships. The green background represents the Kootenay area's natural beauty and
  pristine environment.
- The District logo shall only be used by external organizations with prior approval of the Superintendent or Secretary Treasurer.

### 5. Aboriginal Logo Design



- Circle The circle is meant to symbolize the Community/Family Support and Protection surrounding the student.
- Smaller Circles The smaller circles symbolize the four directions, the four senses of self and the four elements. Bringing a sense of balance to the student. The Bottom circle depicts Earth (physical self), the Top circle depicts Air (mental self), the Right circle depicts Fire (spiritual self), and the Left circle depicts Water (emotional self).
- Tree The tree inside of the student is meant to represent personal growth, with the roots anchored to show a sense of being "grounded" in self and culture.
- Inukshuk & Infinity Symbol The Inukshuk is meant to acknowledge our Inuit students and families. The infinity symbol is meant to acknowledge our Métis students and families.
- Feathers The feathers are meant to represent the Elders/Traditional/Ancestral Knowledge.
- The Student The student's head, the heart and the earth symbol/roots are connected to one another. The heart holds a "fire of determination and purpose".
- Sun and Mountain Range The Sun represents a New Beginning, Hope and a Lit Path moving forward. The Mountain Range is to give a sense of the Kootenay area.

This logo was collaboratively developed by the Board of Education and Indigenous Peoples within this area.

# 6. District Legal Name

The Board of Education of School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)

Legal Reference: Sections 65, 75, 85 School Act