

## **Quesnel School District No. 28**

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### **Leadership Opportunity: District Principal of Indigenous Education**

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The Quesnel School District invites applications from individuals who are seeking a challenging and rewarding educational leadership opportunity. Collaboration, mentorship, wellness and professional growth are essential components of our work. **The start date for this position will be January 4, 2022.**

#### **Our District**

Quesnel is located at the confluence of the Quesnel and Fraser Rivers, on the traditional territory of the Lhtako Dene Nation. The District serves students from Lhtako, ?Esdilagh, Kluskus and Nazko First Nations as well as students from the Metis Nation. Our student population is just under 3000 with a third of the students having Indigenous ancestry. This position includes curricular and cultural leadership, community engagement, supervision of employees in the Indigenous Education Department and of a small rural school that serves the community of Nazko.

#### **The Position**

The District Principal of Indigenous Education reports directly to the Superintendent and provides leadership regarding the success of Indigenous learners and learning. Key responsibilities include:

- A strong commitment to Indigenous student success and to parent and community involvement
- Leading and supervising the Indigenous Education Department and its staff
- Supporting the incorporation of Indigenous curriculum, culture, knowledge, and history; including planning in-service opportunities for and with all District staff
- Collaborating with principals and vice-principals to develop instructional knowledge and supports leading to success for Indigenous learners as part of the District's commitment to equity
- Monitor the quality of programs and services provided to Indigenous learners
- Working in partnership with the local Dakelh language speakers and neighbouring school districts on the development of a Dakelh language program
- Establishing and administering the annual budget for Aboriginal Education's targeted funding
- Working with the Aboriginal Education Council, Indigenous communities and stakeholders to monitor services and supports for students enrolled in Indigenous programming
- Overseeing the Indigenous Services Canada Nominal Roll, supporting the development of Local Education Agreements (LEA) and overseeing the implementation of the BC Tripartite Education Agreement
- Collecting, managing, reporting on local and Ministry of Education Indigenous Student data
- Working directly with the Senior Leadership Team on all aspects of education and instruction and on all aspects of staff employment
- Commitment to continuing the Districts' Equity in Action work and to the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)

#### **The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications, experience and attributes:**

- Teacher Regular Branch certification or eligibility
- Masters of Education preferred or equivalent post-secondary graduate training
- Strong knowledge of Indigenous curriculum, culture, challenges, and opportunities with the school system
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of BC Indigenous communities, history, protocols, culture and contemporary issues

- Extensive and successful experience working with students of Indigenous ancestry and communities
- Successful previous administrative experience would be an asset
- Demonstrated interpersonal and conflict resolution skills, excellent oral and written communication and organizational skills
- Familiarity with the technology used in supporting student learning and software to manage student data
- Strong managerial skills and financial/budget experience
- Additional consideration will be given to candidates with Indigenous ancestry

**Application packages, including a covering letter, a full resume, statement of philosophy of education, copies of degrees and transcripts, BC Teaching certificate, Teacher Qualification Service card and a minimum of three professional reference contacts are to be received on or before:**

**4:00 pm, Friday, October 29, 2021**

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