



Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82

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Public Statement
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SUPPORT APPRECIATED RE: MEMSS INCIDENT, NOVEMBER 1

We are writing to you this afternoon to thank members of the Kitimaat Village and Kitimat communities for reaching out to the leadership at Mount Elizabeth Middle/Secondary School (MEMSS) in follow up to an incident that occurred at the school yesterday, November 1.

The Principal of Mount Elizabeth Middle/Secondary School, Christine Byrd, is receiving your messages and is committed to responding to each message personally. Please appreciate that this may take some time noting that a response will be provided to all messages received.

The senior leadership team of Coast Mountains School District 82, parents from both communities, the leadership of the Haisla Nation and students are working together to support students, parents and staff at this time. We have met with parents and have agreed that we will work on this matter together.

Our school district values diversity and expects that students have the ability to express pride for their rich culture in word and action.

Coast Mountains School District 82 appreciates, encourages and supports the collective voice of students regardless of ancestry.

As the Superintendent of Schools, I can assure you that the appropriate steps are being taken to ensure that the Haisla culture is alive and visible.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we work through this incident together.

Janet Meyer
Superintendent of Schools

Crystal Smith
Haisla Nation Chief Councillor