

## POLICY 1.1 VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

The Board of Education honours the uniqueness of Haida Gwaii that is captured through Haida Laws and integral to our vision, mission and values.

The Board recognizes the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and is committed to implementing these action items in our District.

### **Vision**

A compassionate, inclusive education community that promotes, respects and nurtures Haida culture, dignity, respect, reciprocity, resilience, and personal success for all students.

### **Mission**

We honour reconciliation and the values of the people of Haida Gwaii, respecting Haida Laws, in support of success for every student.

### **Values**

We honour the two main dialects of Haida language; Xaad Kil, spoken in Gaw Tlagée (Old Massett) and Xaayda Kil spoken in HlGaagilda (Skidegate).

### **K'ULÁAGANG / LAA GUU GA KANHLLNS - RESPONSIBILITY**

We accept the responsibility to manage and care for the education of the children of Haida Gwaii and will work with others to ensure that the natural and cultural heritage of Haida Gwaii is passed on to future generations.

### **YAHGUDANG / YAHGUUDANG - RESPECT FOR ALL BEINGS**

Speaking kindly and listening thoughtfully. We respect each other and all living things. We take only what we need, we give thanks, and we acknowledge those who behave accordingly.

### **ISDA 'ISGYAAN DÍI GA 'ISDII / ISDA AD DIIGII ISDA - GIVING AND RECEIVING**

Reciprocity is an essential practice for interactions with each other and the natural and spiritual worlds. We continually give thanks for the gifts that we receive.

### **GIID TLL'JUUS / GIID TLL'JUUS - BALANCE**

The world is as sharp as the edge of a knife. Balance is needed in our interactions with the natural world. Care must be taken to avoid reaching a point of no return and to restore balance where it has been lost. All practices on Haida Gwaii must be sustainable.



**GIN 'WÁADLUWAAN GUD ÁHL KWÁAGIIDANG / GINA 'WAADLUXAN GUD AD KWAAGID - INTERCONNECTEDNESS**

Everything depends on everything else. Healthy ecosystems sustain culture, communities and an abundant diversity of life for generations to come.

**TLL YAHDA / TLL YAHDA - MAKING THINGS RIGHT**

Acknowledging a conflict and working towards a mutually agreeable resolution.

**IITL' TÁAWEE ÚU ÍTL' XÍILAANG / ID L'AA GA TAAGAAY ID GAN XILA GA - OUR FOOD IS OUR MEDICINE**

Our traditional food nourishes our mind, soul, and body and connects us to our home of Haida Gwaii.

**GIN K'ADANGÁA GÍI UU TL'A KYÁANANGAA / GINA K'AADANG.NGA GII UU TLL K'ANGUUDANG - SEEKING WISE COUNSEL**

Haida elders teach the traditional ways and how to work in harmony with the natural world. Like the forests, the roots of all people are intertwined. Together we consider new ideas, traditional knowledge and scientific information that allow us to respond to change in keeping with culture, values and laws.