



## 2.1 TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The Board of Education recognizes Haida laws, *Kihl Yahda*, meaning 'saying it right, or with truth' and *Tll Yahda* 'making it right'. Haida laws arise directly from Haida Gwaii and its Supernatural Beings and are intimately connected with the land and waters of Haida Gwaii. It is in this context that the Board respectfully acknowledges the work of the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission regarding residential schools in Canada and the resulting 94 Calls to Action, including the Calls to Action specifically related to education (Calls to Action 6-12 and 62-66).

While the Board recognizes that the Truth and Reconciliation: A Commitment to Action plan was developed in consultation and with the active involvement of the Indigenous community, it must be expressed that the responsibility of Reconciliation should not fall solely on their shoulders, it must rightfully fall upon everyone's.

In respect of this commitment, the Haida Gwaii Board of Education commits:

- that all students graduate with knowledge of residential schools and their devastating impacts on Indigenous communities in Canada and that they recognize the importance of their contributions to the reconciliation process;
- to the continued implementation and development of Haida language and cultural programs;
- to provide opportunities to all staff and students to learn more about the richness of the Haida worldview and cultures; and
- to implement, promote and enforce anti-racism strategies as it relates to Indigenous students, families and communities.