

APRIL 2025 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

COMMUNITY WIDE Updates

School District Alignment Meetings

This is the time of year where district staff turn our minds to organizing for the following school year. As we move through our spring budget development and staffing processes to support the 2025 / 2026 school year. Alignment meetings are held with each school principal / vice principal also with each department. What falls out of these meetings is direction aligned with the school district strategic plan and also aligned with the budget available.

Sony Music Canada \$9000 Grant for Daaxiigan Sk'adaa Née

Sony Music Canada announced the latest edition of the Sony Music Group's *Beyond the Instrument* initiative. This program is dedicated to fostering music education and providing young people with access to high-quality musical instruments, technology, and industry mentorship.

As part of this initiative, two BC-based schools, H. J. Cambie Secondary and Daaxiigan Sk'adaa Née, along with Ensemble Non Profit, have been awarded MusiCounts grants of musical instruments and production equipment, thanks to the support of *Beyond The Instrument*. This donation equips students with the tools they need to explore and develop their musical talents and includes a range of traditional instruments and state-of-the-art music technology, ensuring that young musicians can engage in both performance and music production. The investment aims to break down financial barriers to participation, allowing more youth to benefit from the power of music education.

A big thank you to teacher, Naveed Ali, for his time and thoughtfulness in submitting this grant application on behalf of Daaxiigan Sk'adaa Née.

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

April 16, 2025 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. I want to take this opportunity to highlight the important job that our school bus drivers have in supporting our students and families. Every day, they are the first smiling face many of our students meet after leaving their homes in the morning. And, with all of the challenges our district has face recruiting for bus drivers, each of our team members has stepped up in a variety of ways to keep our fleet as active as possible. Haawa to each of you!

Masset Community Library and Haida Language Immersion Lab

The Executive Director of Vancouver Island Regional Libraries, Ben Hyman, has announced the grand opening of the Masset Community Library is being held on September 13, 2025. Save the date in your calendar!

STRATEGIC PLAN Updates

Student Learning Surveys (Ministry of Education and Child Care)

This is the final month for the [2024/25 Student Learning Survey \(SLS\)](#) for students, staff, and parents in grades 4, 7, 10, 11, and 12. The survey takes about 30 minutes to complete. Student and staff surveys are available in English and French. Parent surveys are available in 18 additional languages. The survey remains open until May 2, 2025. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to complete this important survey. Our district uses these results to guide our strategic planning.