

Sup October 2025 Report

Welcome to New Student Trustees

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New Policy Requirements

This is a reminder that we will be bringing forward a new policy related to unexpected health concerns, such as the training and use of Naloxone Kits and AEDs. This is a new Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC) requirement. The MECC deadline for these is Dec 31, 2025.

Operational Plan Report

Working Document Live on Website

The following is an update on our progress to date.

Student Well Being

- Communication Skills Specialist Teachers, Jacqui Ferraby and Marci Malloy, have worked with District Principal, Leighann Rodger to create a plan for training with the Acadience tool and a schedule for Screener completion for all Kindergarten students across the district.
- District Literacy Coach, Christine Fraser, has spent a week with us supporting classroom teachers through the use and analysis of the Fountas & Pinnell literacy assessments.
- District Librarian, Sophie Peerless, continues to work with the school librarians and library clerks across the district to update and enhance our library collections with a priority on sourcing books and multi-media with equity in mind. She is also supporting classroom resources toward personalized learning.
- Mental Health Specialist Teacher, Pamela Richardson has already created a Continuum of Supports for Learning Services teams to access during their planning for IEPs and/or Behavior Support Plans.
- We hosted Compassionate Systems Leadership Training on the September 26th, 2025 Ministerial Day for all staff.
- We are partnering with Northern Health to provide ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) on the upcoming October 24/25, 2025 Professional Development Day. Joining the training are staff from Haida Child and Families, Skidegate Health Center, SD50 staff and 6 students for 24 total attendees.
- District Principal, Leighann Rodger supported 22 students through the new dual credit Early Childcare Education (ECE) Program with Coast Mountain College in Masset. Congratulations to these students for their successful completion of this course!

Embracing Unique Culture and Territory

- District Principal, Joanne Yovanovich and Deputy Superintendent, Manu Madhok hosted the first new professional learning series session with Dr Sara Davidson and Dr Cynthia Nicol. The staff turn-out for this was terrific. The focus is on enriching our Learning with Stories, Land, and Language from Haida Gwaii! This is being offered as a Four-Part Learning Series that staff may attend as a series in full or in part.

Working Together

- The community and staff Grand Opening Committee created and hosted The Official Opening Ceremony for Daaxiigan Sk'adää Née. Haawa to all involved in supporting the event.
- The Port Clements Elementary School PAC parent and community input survey was closed and collated. Superintendent, Lisa Bernoties and the PAC and staff reviewed the results from the survey. Lisa and District Principal, Leighann Rodger joined the PCE PAC on Thursday, October 9th to begin co-authoring the focus for a new School Learning Planning. Lisa will meet with the staff on Tuesday, October 21st to share this input and further develop a new School Learning Plan.
- As attached in the last Board meeting minutes, the Board has distributed a letter to all Chiefs and Mayors and their Councils inviting opportunities to work together.

School Learning Plans

Thank you to all of our school staff for reviewing the results of your past School Learning Plan and making adjustments to update them for this school year. These plans are aligned with our Strategic Plan for Student Well Being, Working Together, and Embracing the Unique Culture and Territory of Haida Gwaii.

Literacy Professional Learning Plans for MECC

Board Motion October 14, 2025

Late last school year, the MECC announced funding to support school districts with improving literacy results for BC students. SD50 will receive approximately \$247,000 from this grant. In order to receive these funds, each school district must create and submit a **two year literacy professional learning plan**. In June, the MECC also announced a new requirement to implement a **Kindergarten Screener** across all schools. In order to incorporate that new requirement into the professional learning plans, the ministry extended the literacy professional learning plan submission **deadline to October 17, 2025**. The ministry is also hosting an ongoing Community of Practice (CoP) series for school district participation which began on October 2, 2025. Today we are seeking a motion to support the plan we have created for submission to the MECC.