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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

If you are new to Surrey Schools, welcome to the new school year 2025-26! If you are returning, welcome back! In this letter, we explain the program of supports and services offered for Indigenous learners for the 2025-2026 school year. Each school has an Indigenous Child and Youth Worker and/or an Indigenous Graduation Advocate. These staff members may support students with:

- academic support
- emotional wellness support
- cultural connection
- encouragement or support to participate in extra-curricular activities or district initiatives
- support to participate in field trips or any school activities
- career, post-secondary planning, and scholarship application
- connections to community services or activities/programs
- support with applying for part-time jobs

The attached brochure outlines the Indigenous Learning roles we have in place to support Indigenous learners as well as the services and initiatives that are provided to them in Surrey Schools. These efforts champion Indigenous empowerment, cultural inclusion and educational opportunities while advocating for Indigenous students and cultures within the public education system. More information can be found on our website:

https://www.surreyschools.ca/indigenouslearning/page/181669/equity-in-action

If you have any questions, we welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Please contact <u>IndigenousLearning@surreyschools.ca</u> If you wish to decline Indigenous services, please complete the form on the following page and return it to the school's office.

Kind regards,

Lyn Daniels, Director of Instruction, Indigenous Learning

## **DECLINED INDIGENOUS LEARNING SERVICES**

## **STUDENT INFORMATION** Legal Name: Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_/ \_\_\_yy \_\_mm \_\_dd School: Grade: Based on recent information provided by Indigenous Learning staff and the school principal, the reason for declining service is: Parent / Guardian Statement I understand my child will not receive one to one enhanced Indigenous Learning services and give permission for my child to be removed from the Indigenous Learning school file. I also understand that I have the option at any time to request the services. Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian Date

Date

Signature of Principal