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RE: Student Support Opportunities – Driver’s License

Hello Della,

Thank you for sharing your letter dated September 13, 2023, detailing the need for a driver’s license for employment as an Education Assistant in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools. Your letter was shared with the Board of Education at a meeting held on September 27, 2023. The Board has asked that I respond to your correspondence.

I can tell you that our district does not require Education Assistants (EAs) to hold a valid Class 5 driver’s license. You will see that it is not mentioned in this [job posting](#) on the Make a Future website.

To ensure I give you the most up-to-date information, I conferred with our human resources manager in charge of Education Assistants, and they indicated that during the application process, there is a question if the applicant holds a Class 5 BC driver’s license, but this is only for record keeping purposes and still allows for someone to apply for the position. I have been told that there are many EAs in our district that do not have a driver’s license.

I ask if you could please share this information with the applicant as we are always looking for qualified candidates, especially those that have successfully completed the post-secondary community support worker programs offered at institutions such as Vancouver Island University.

Thank you once again for reaching out.

Sincerely,

Scott Saywell
Superintendent/CEO