



RE: Snuneymuxw First Nation Long House Learning + Healing Framework

Dear Chief and Council,

Uy'skweyul! On behalf of the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' (NLPS) Board of Education I want to extend our appreciation for the honour in having Joan Brown present Snuneymuxw's *Long House Learning + Healing Framework* at the Regular Board meeting held on December 15, 2022.

As SFN plans to implement this framework over the coming years, the Board would first like to highlight the framework that offers a whole person approach and an intersectional solution for healing and learning. We are honoured to have co-developed this Framework with you. The Board also applauds your leadership as this is another example of SFN's outward looking perspective seeking to expand the health and belonging of your members as well as corporate outside partners, all in the context of connection to the land.

NLPS is committed to supporting SFN through this journey as we walk together in two worlds and wholeheartedly supports the health and wellbeing of your community. With that, the Board realizes the challenge SFN faces as mainstream health, education and environmental systems continue to work within a deficit model, operating in isolation. The school district commits to assist in bridging the gap in your endeavour to secure funding from external sources to expand your intersectional infrastructure in support of health, education and housing.

Thank you for allowing us to be included in this very important journey.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair