

October 11, 2019

Dear Squamish Nation community:

Subject: *International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme*

The North Vancouver School District is exploring the implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme at Norgate Community Elementary School. All parents/guardians and interested community members are invited to an information session to learn more about the program.

IB Primary Years Programme information session
Monday, October 21, 2019
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Elder's Centre, Squamish Nation

The International Baccalaureate Organization is a long-standing international organization that focuses on global education. There are roughly 5,000 schools in 150 countries that teach IB curricula. The programs are world-renowned for fostering student success – socially, emotionally, academically, and in extra-curricular endeavours. Students develop the personal attributes and skills that enable them to become well-rounded, globally-minded, and service-oriented citizens. The North Vancouver School District has been providing IB programs since 2007 and now offers the full continuum of IB programming for students from Kindergarten through to Grade 12. All of the programs have been incredibly successful.

Norgate Community Elementary is an ideal school to become an IB Primary Years Programme school because of its location, the community's strong level of engagement in the school, and the connection with Squamish Nation. The intercultural awareness of the IB program embodies Indigenous ways of knowing and supports ongoing student engagement on the path to reconciliation.

We hope that you can all join us to learn about this exciting opportunity for students of Norgate Community Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Rob Smyth
Principal
Norgate Community Elementary School

