

### **Presentation: Dual Credit Programs**

Principal of District Alternate School Steve Wiebe and Implementation Program Coordinator Penny Griffin presented to the board on dual credit opportunities in the school district. Dual credit programs allow high school students to take tuition-free post-secondary courses while earning both Grade 12 elective credits and post-secondary credits. The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District has dual credit partnerships with Douglas College in the areas of Sports Science and Health Science, the Justice Institute of B.C. for the Emergency Medical Responders Associate Certificate, and Ridge Meadows College for the Early Childhood Education Assistant program.

The district is also exploring future dual credit options in Medical Office Administration, Health Care Assistant, and Engineering Foundations, anticipating growing student interest in these fields.

### **Indigenous Education 2023/24 Targeted Funding Surplus**

The board approved for inclusion in the 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget a spending plan for the 2023/24 targeted Indigenous Education funding surplus of \$233,975. This targeted funding supports the development and delivery of Indigenous education programs and services that integrate academic achievement, social and emotional supports, and Indigenous culture or language or both. The spending plan for this targeted funding surplus is outlined in the [October 16, 2024, agenda package](#).

### **School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)**

The board approved the Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The full report is available on the school district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/financial-information>.

### **2024/25 Capital Plan Bylaw**

The board gave three readings to and adopted the 2024/25 Capital Plan Bylaw #2 to access funding for eight prefabricated classrooms for Golden Ears Elementary and five prefabricated classrooms for Blue Mountain Elementary, confirmed as supported by the Ministry of Education and Child Care on September 18, 2024.

### **Policy Updates and Report**

The board approved updates to the following policies following a public consultation process. The approved policies have been posted to the online [policy manual](#).

- *Policy 7710: Professional Development*
- *Policy 8330: Board/Authority Authorized Courses*
- *Policy 8801: Course Challenge*
- *Policy 8912: Independent Directed Studies*
- *Policy 10200: Communications*

### **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Downs provided an enrolment update, reporting that elementary enrolment is 10,032 (89 below projection), and secondary full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolment is 6,403.13 (49.13 FTE above projection). Superintendent Downs noted that the variance for elementary is primarily due to lower than projected kindergarten enrolment. Enrolment for students with disabilities and diverse abilities is 1,573 (116 above projection), for English language learners is 1592 (50 below projection), and for Indigenous education is 1,389 (34 below projection).

Superintendent Downs also spoke about an adjustment to the school district's water testing strategy to a more streamlined schedule of testing drinking/food preparation water sources.

**Trustee Motion**

The board approved a motion directing the Superintendent to investigate best practices for naloxone education and access in schools, including training for students and staff, ensuring availability of naloxone, and providing a report on implementation by January 2025.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6:00 pm on November 13, 2024.**