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ANNOUNCEMENT

Coast Mountains School District is pleased to announce the appointment of Donna Mortimer to the position of Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education. Donna will assume her new position on August 1, 2025.



Donna brings more than 17 years of dedicated service in education, with a proven track record of leadership in Indigenous and inclusive education. A fluent speaker of her first language, Naskapi, from the Naskapi First Nation of Kawawachikamach, Quebec, Donna is also developing conversational proficiency in the language of the Tahltan Nation in British Columbia — an expression of her deep commitment to Indigenous language revitalization.

Throughout her career in British Columbia and Yukon Territory, Donna has held a range of impactful roles including Classroom Teacher, Learning Support Educator, Equity in Action District Lead, and District Vice Principal of Indigenous Education and Learner Support. She is widely respected for her passion, integrity, and unwavering dedication to student success.

Her leadership at both district and provincial levels has consistently advanced Indigenous education and inclusive practices. Donna has led innovative project-based initiatives grounded in Indigenous language, culture, and values, and is deeply committed to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. Her work reflects a thoughtful balance of cultural knowledge, educational expertise, and collaborative leadership.

Donna holds a Master of Education degree in Multiliteracies with a focus on Indigenous Education from the University of Western Ontario, and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Regina. She has also completed specialized training in Special Education and Level B Assessments from Queen's University of Ontario, as well as Crisis Intervention Training.

Coast Mountains School District extends its sincere appreciation to the members of the Inter-Tribal Education Committee for their thoughtful engagement throughout the selection process. Donna's appointment reflects a shared vision and commitment to excellence in Indigenous education through strong, values-based leadership. Her experience, insight, and integrity will be instrumental in deepening relationships, advancing equity, and fostering student success across the district.

We extend our warm congratulations to Donna and look forward to welcoming her and her family to our educational community.

Tracey MacMillan
Superintendent of Schools