A HANDBOOK for Parents of Aboriginal Students in School District No. 73

(Kamloops/Thompson)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Introduction

Mission and Vision Statements
Welcome from Aboriginal Education Council
Welcome from School District No. 73

Section 1: Who is Involved in Your Child's Education?

Principals
Teachers
Parents
Aboriginal Education Workers
Aboriginal

Aboriginal Education Council
WELCOME

To: Aboriginal/First Nations' Parents in School District No. 73

The Aboriginal Education Council recognizes the primary responsibility that Aboriginal parents have in supporting the education of their children. In addition to providing direct support in the schools and developing culturally relevant school programs and services, the Council continues to explore ways to further support Aboriginal learners in their communities and homes.

The Aboriginal Education Council will continue to work in partnership with School District No. 73 and work toward success for all Aboriginal students in the District. It is our wish that this handbook will be used by parents in their quest to realize successful educational experiences for their children.

Respectfully,

Nathan Matthew
Chair, First Nations Education Council
School District No. 73

School District No. 73
WELCOME

Dear Parents:

Fundamental to the success of students at school is a positive, cooperative and supportive relationship between the home and the school. The positive influences on student achievement can be multiplied many times over if we can continue to develop and build these positive relationships.

That is why this *Aboriginal Parent Handbook* is so important. I trust it will assist you in working within the system as together we endeavor to provide an environment that will meet all your educational expectations.

Please know that you are always welcome in your child's school. I encourage you to use this excellent publication to help us work together to ensure success.

Yours truly,

Terrence S. Sullivan,
Ph.D. Superintendent

Section 1

WHO IS INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION?

PRINCIPALS

Principals are an important link to ensuring effective communication between school, home and community. The Principal's responsibilities include:

- Providing leadership and supervision in the schools;
- Placing students in appropriate programs;
- Providing support and guidance to students;
- Reporting student issues to parents;
- Maintaining school records;
- Maintaining the general conduct of students both on and off school premises;
- Monitoring the educational programs of the school;
- Creating positive connections with parents; and
- Supervising instruction and supporting teachers.