



PRESS RELEASE
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Manu Madhok, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce the appointment of Katie Nesbitt to a newly created **BCTEA Coordinator** position.

Katie Nesbitt has been a committed and exemplary employee in her previous capacity with the Indigenous Education Department. Katie is a graduate of Lakes District Secondary and a member of Ts'il Kaz Koh (Burns Lake Band). She holds an Executive Assistant Diploma from Thompson River University as part of their Business Administration Program. Katie's experience within the education and health fields makes her a perfect candidate for this role.

This new BCTEA Coordinator position is a first in BC Public Education. It was created to help our School District fulfill our responsibilities under the BC Tripartite Education Agreement (BCTEA). The *BC Tripartite Education Agreement: Supporting First Nation Student Success (BCTEA)* sets the foundation for further growth and changes to support the development of BC First Nations education.

Backgrounder

First Nations in British Columbia have worked for decades to exercise their inherent rights for authority over education through the work and advocacy of the First Nation Education Steering Committee (FNESC). This ongoing support prioritizes First Nations languages, cultures, values, traditions, and a commitment to quality education and successful student outcomes. The BC Education system respects First Nation's inherent authority over the education of their students and is built upon innovative education theories, research, and using evidence-based decision-making to implement culturally relevant programs and services.

This important and dynamic position will help facilitate the critical relationships we hold with the local fourteen local First Nations Rightsholders under this agreement.

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