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## **PREAMBLE**

The Aboriginal Education Advisory Council (AEAC) is collaboration between the Doig River First Nation, Blueberry River First Nation, Halfway River First Nation, Fort St. John Friendship Society, Fort St. John Métis Society, North East Native Advancing Society, Treaty 8 Tribal Association, BC Native Women Society, student, parent, elder representatives, Peace River North Teacher Association and School District No.60 (Peace River North) Fort St. John, BC.

The AEAC acknowledges and honours the special relationship that exists with the Dane-zaa First Nations in whose traditional territories we operate. This Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement has been developed, and will be implemented, with the guidance and approval of the AEAC and the Aboriginal communities with the vision and spirit of improving educational outcomes and achieving education equity for all Aboriginal students within the School District's jurisdiction.

This Enhancement Agreement (EA) is a five year working document between the Aboriginal Education Advisory Council and School District No. 60. This agreement is a five year vision to improve the academic success of Aboriginal students. This Enhancement Agreement (EA) was developed from twenty-one community and numerous EA Committee meetings. It has been proven that Aboriginal students are not succeeding at the same rate as Non-Aboriginal students in respect to their education. It is the intent of this EA to close the educational gap.

We will establish base line data in areas that do not already exist. In the first year of the Agreement, the Council will focus on information which will provide baseline data on which to base further targets. Targets and strategies have been established for each key indicator and they will be reassessed annually, based on evidence provided by the data. Strategies will be revisited and assessed through continued collaboration.