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NECHAKO  
LAKES

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Education in the  
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A great place to  
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## Fort St. James Secondary – Reconciliation Wall



***Nechako Lakes School District gratefully acknowledges that we live, work, and play on the unceded, ancestral territories of fourteen First Nations representing the Dakelh, Nedut'en and Wet'suwet'en peoples. We are working diligently towards creating equity for our learners through conscious acts of Reconciliation.***

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BINCHE WHUT'EN



BURNS LAKE BAND



CHESLATTA  
CARRIER NATION



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NATION



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WHUT'EN



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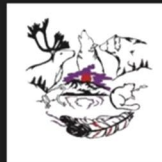
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STELLAT'EN  
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TAKLA LAKE FIRST  
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WET'SUWET'EN  
FIRST NATION



YEKOOCHE FIRST  
NATION

# SD91 is the Geographical Center of BC

- Just west of Prince George on Hwy 16
- One day drive to Edmonton & Vancouver
- Home to hundreds of pristine lakes, rivers, and trails
- Four main towns are located with SD91:
  - Vanderhoof
  - Fort St. James
  - Fraser Lake
  - Burns Lake



# Strategic Education Plan 2020-2025

## MISSION

Achieve educational excellence in an environment that honours diversity and personalized learning.

## VISION

Develop learners to make positive contributions in our evolving global community.

## OUR GOALS

### CREATE STUDENT SUCCESS

A continued focus on the essential skills of literacy, numeracy and social emotional well-being.  
Support effective teaching and learning strategies.

### ENHANCE CONNECTIONS

Create opportunities and assist schools to engage in valuable learning activities with community partners.

### ENGAGE OUR WORKFORCE

Nurture school and district cultures that inspire and support passion-based teaching, learning and leading.

Create opportunities for every member of our organization to contribute to student success.

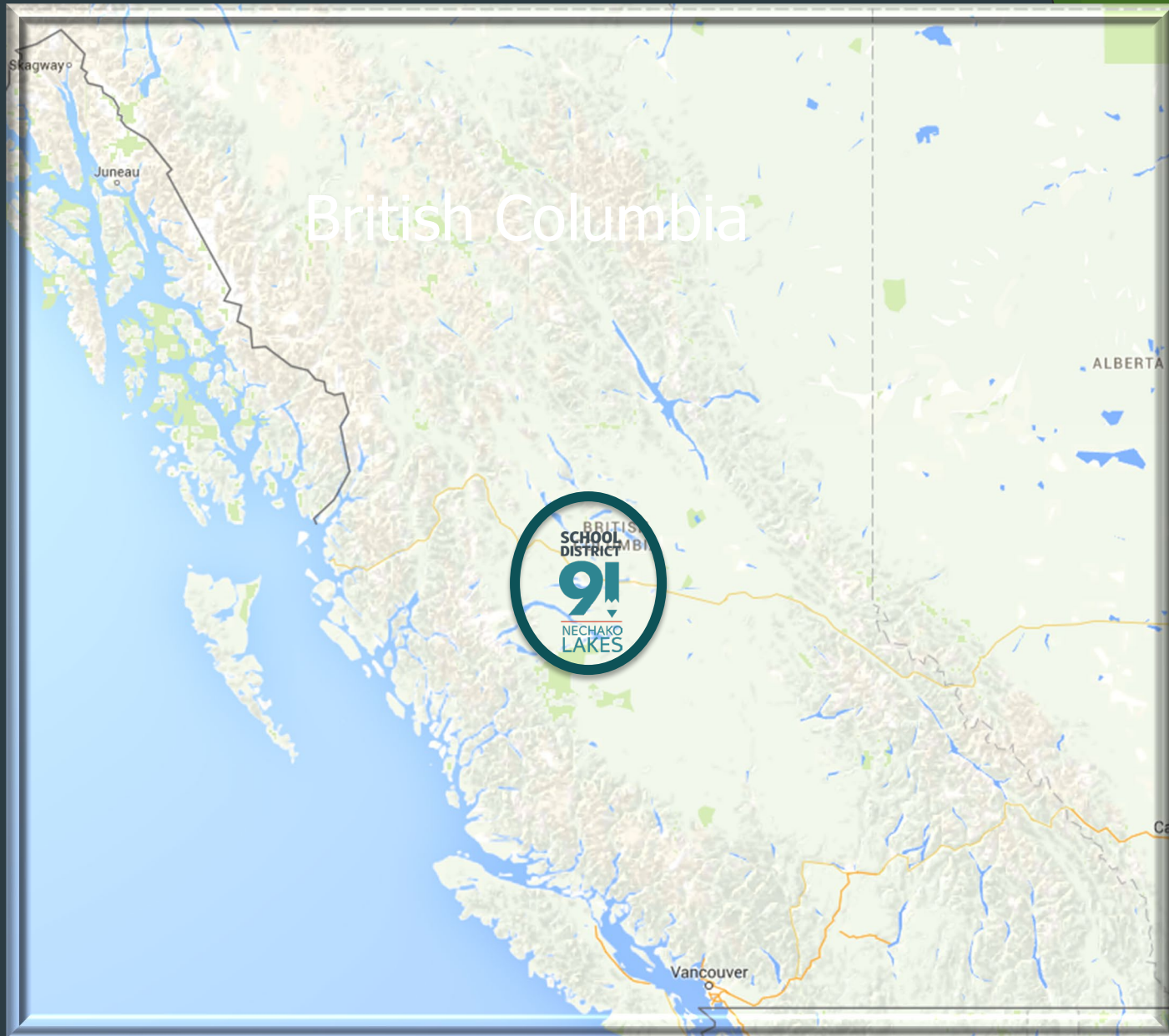
### HONOUR DIVERSITY

Respect the strength of all diversities within our communities.

Support the transformation of an education system that recognizes, celebrates, and includes Indigenous history, worldviews and perspectives.

# Honouring People, Land and History



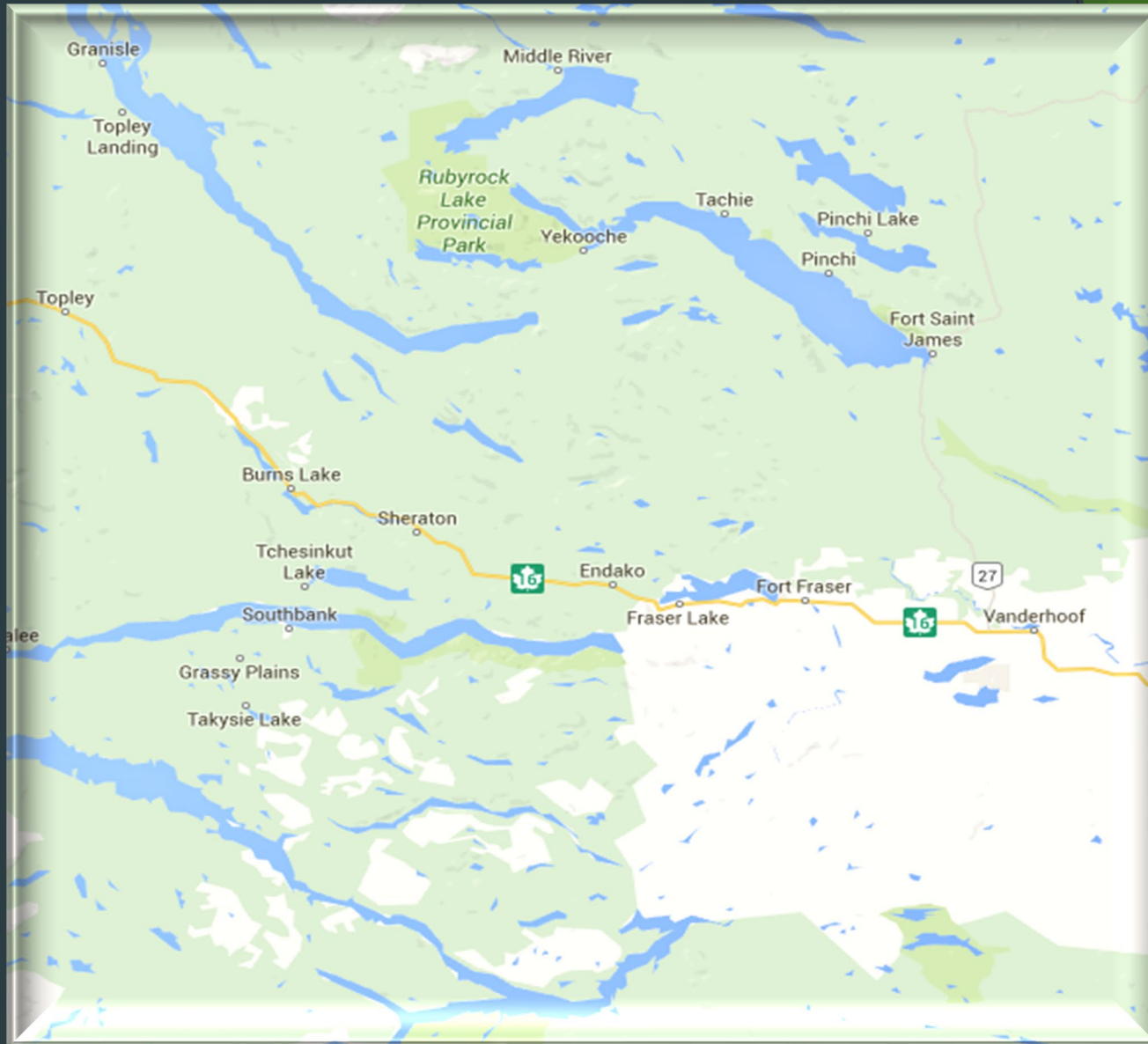


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# Our Communities



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# Our Region

## Regional Diversity

- Our communities are small, caring places where people do not get lost in the crowd...support is all around our new teachers
- Staff work and learn together, forge friendships, and have a strong sense of community.
- Away from traffic jams yet close to city amenities, life in SD91 can be as relaxed or as active as you want it to be.
- This part of the province has an abundance of beautiful lakes, rivers, forests and mountains – offering you many opportunities to explore nature
- The cost of living and homeownership are lower than than many parts of BC.



# What We Offer

- One of the highest salaries in BC
- Moving allowances
- Recruitment allowance over \$2700 per year
- Support and opportunities for advancement and leadership
- Mentorship and substantial Pro-D
- Continuing positions

# Quick Facts

Number of Schools	<b>15</b>
Elementary	<b>10</b>
High Schools	<b>4</b>
Online Distant Ed School	<b>1</b> (oldest in BC)
Number of Students	<b>4000</b>
Number of Employees	<b>715</b>

# Our District

## SD91 Class Size Averages 2022-23

Kindergarten	15.7
Grades 1-3	18.3
Grades 4-7	24.0
Grades 8-12	16.9

Source: BC Ministry of Education and Child Care

- All classrooms have 75-inch touch panel LOFT monitors with direct Wi-Fi access.
- Computers/iPad ratio - 1 to every 2.5 students
- Affordable housing and living costs
  - Average home price: \$325,000
  - Average rental- \$1050 (two bedroom)



# New Teacher Comments

- Staff and communities are friendly and welcoming
- Support and help are all around you in this district
- District workshops and Pro-D sessions, both personally and professionally engaging
- The opportunities to innovate and try new things are actively supported!
- Indigenous culture and learning are defiantly priorities here
- Inclusion and diversity are not footnotes for SD91

# Indigenous Education and Reconciliation



Kevin Lamoureux - March 2 @ 5 pm

Kevin is a Faculty member at the University of Winnipeg and a well known public speaker. He has served as Associate Vice President for the University of Winnipeg, Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, and as Scholar in Residence for several school divisions.

Dr. Nancy Dada - March 16 @ 5 pm

Nancy is a globally recognized expert & advocate for Middle Years education. She has helped to coach Middle Year teachers globally and has been a critical friend to SD 91 middle year educators. Nancy will be speaking twice during this series to help provide concluding remarks to the series.



Dr. Dustin Louie - April 13 @ 5 pm

Dustin is from Nee Tahi Buhn and Nadleh Whut'en First Nations and is a member of the Beaver Clan. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education, teaching courses related to Indigenous education, social justice and educational philosophy.

Dr. Leyton Schneller - April 20 @ 5 pm

Leyton is an Associate Professor at UBC's School of Education and the Eleanor Rix Professor of Rural Teacher Education. His scholarship attends to how teachers and teaching and learners and learning can mindfully embrace student diversity and inclusive education. Dr. Schneller is also the co-chair of BC's Rural Education Advisory.



Shelley Moore - May 6 @ 5 pm

Originally from Edmonton, Alberta, and now based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Shelley is a highly sought-after teacher, researcher, speaker, and storyteller and has worked with school districts and community organizations throughout both Canada and the United States.



You're Invited to:  
HONOURING DIVERSITY  
SPEAKER SERIES 2021



Honouring Diversity  
Speaker Series 2021  
WELCOMES  
**Dr. Dustin Louie**

Tuesday, April 13th @ 5 pm  
Microsoft TEAMS

Dustin is an LDSS graduate and a proud member of Nee Tahi Buhn and Nadleh Whut'en First Nations. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education who specializes in teaching courses related to Indigenous Education, social justice, and educational philosophy. Dustin's work is recognized as being strength based providing a roadmap for change.

Join our panel of students and parents in this unique opportunity to hear from a local graduate making a difference in the Canadian education landscape.

Please send any questions to [info@sd91.bc.ca](mailto:info@sd91.bc.ca). You can register for our entire speaker series at [www.honouringdiversity8.com](http://www.honouringdiversity8.com).



SD 91 LEARNS  
WITH  
JO CHRONA

Who: High School STEM & Humanities focused teachers

What: 4 half day learning sessions for school teams to strengthen their knowledge, understanding and teaching practices with regards to Indigenous education.



Congratulations to Teaira Bishop of LDSS & Lake Babine First Nation winning a Premier's Award for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport: <https://www.bclocalnews.com/.../teaira-bishop-of-babine.../>



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Teaira Bishop of Babine Lake Nation wins Indigenous Excellence in Sport award - BC Local News



September 24th - Reclamation and Restoration  
SD91 3rd Annual Aboriginal Education Conference

Keynote Speakers



Kevin Lamoureux



Richard Van Camp

1 - Decolonizing our Practice	
00 - 10:00	Opening and Keynote - Kevin Lamoureux - Reconciliation
00:10-15	Break
15 - 11:00	Session #1 - Jo Chrona: Anti Racism and Indigenous Education
00 - 11:15	Break
15 - 12:00	Session #2 - Leona Prince and Dr. Dustin Louie: Teeneyay
00 - 12:45	Lunch
1 - Indigenous our Pedagogy	
00 - 1:30	Keynote - Richard Van Camp: Storytelling and Local Knowledge
00 - 1:45	Break
15 - 2:30	Session #3 - Dakeh, Nedut'en and Wet'suwet'en Language Lessons
00 - 2:40	Break
00 - 3:25	Session #4 - Learning Local First Peoples' History
00 - 3:30	Closing Remarks



A copy of the book 'The Journey Forward: A Novella on Reconciliation' by Monique Smith and Richard Van Camp will be given to the teaching staff in each school in early September.



# Indigenous Education and Reconciliation



**September 23rd - Reflection and Renewal**  
SD91 4th Annual Indigenous Education Conference

## Keynote Speakers



Murray Sinclair



Dr. Sara Davidson



# Regional Photos





























# Get to Know Us Better

## Links & resources:

School District 91

[www.sd91.bc.ca](http://www.sd91.bc.ca)

Burns Lake

<http://portal.burnslake.ca/>

Vanderhoof

<http://www.vanderhoof.ca/>

Fraser Lake

<http://www.fraserlake.ca/>

Fort St. James

<http://www.fortstjames.ca/>

Granisle

<http://www.granisle.net/>

Regional District website

<http://www.rdbn.bc.ca/>

# Come and Join our Team

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