

Enhancement Agreement

On June 21st, 2005, the Songhees Nation hosted the Ministry of Education, the Greater Victoria School District, Camosun College and the Aboriginal Community for the historic signing of:

- ◆ *the Enhancement Agreement,*
- ◆ *the Songhees Local Education Agreement, AND*
- ◆ *the Camosun College Affiliation Agreement.*

The Enhancement Agreement was signed by the following groups:

Aboriginal Parents	Hulitan Social Services
Aboriginal Students (GVSD)	Métis Community Services
Esquimalt Nation	Métis Nation of Greater Victoria
First Nations InterAgency Team	Minister of Education
First Nations Education & Services, Camosun College	Songhees Nation
Greater Victoria School District	Victoria Native Friendship Centre

The intention of the Enhancement Agreement is to improve the quality of education achieved by all Aboriginal students in the Greater Victoria School District and to create a bridge of understanding between district staff, students, parents and the Aboriginal community.

The Overall Goals of the Agreement are as follows:

- GOAL 1: To increase Aboriginal students' sense of place, of caring, and of belonging in the public school system.
- GOAL 2: We will honour and improve relationships between the Greater Victoria School District and the Aboriginal community and parents.
- GOAL 3: To increase awareness and understanding of Aboriginal history, traditions and culture.
- GOAL 4: To increase success of all Aboriginal students.

Each goal incorporates the Student performance Indicators and the Action plans.

COPIES OF THE ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT ARE AVAILABLE
THROUGH DAVE PITRE'S OFFICE.
