

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.46 (SUNSHINE COAST)

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT: INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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Goal 3g: Our District will recruit students from around the world to live and learn with us in a welcoming **international student program**.

“International Education in British Columbia supports diversity and inclusion, and enables the development of intercultural competencies for B.C. students, teachers and communities. The expansion of international education helps to create new relationships between British Columbia and other regions and cultures around the world.” - B.C. Ministry of Education

Overview:

The program has seen a strong rebound since the onset of Covid 19 with strong numbers of students from existing connections with established agents in Europe and Asia.

Regular Program Components:

Orientation

- Students are met by school staff to review expectations and to make connections with support staff and students.
- The homestay coordinator from Muskoka Lakes International (MLI) staff meets with families and students to review homestay expectations.
- Barry Krangle meets with students early after their arrival to make connections.

Cultural Activities

- Barry Krangle provides a number of activities for students to visit a variety of local sites throughout the year.
- Students are involved with a number of school clubs and activities.

Provincial and National Affiliations

- IPSEA and CAPS-I are important national bodies helping school districts coordinate International programs and providing connections to provincial and federal government.

Data Analysis and Review:

A stated strategic plan goal is to increase and diversify our agent and student base. This continues to be an important part of a strong International Program.

Agent Base: 2016-2017: 1; 2018-2019: 11; 2021-2022: 24; 2022-23: 4*

(*Not every agent sends students yearly. We continue to maintain close contacts with all of our agents.)

Countries this year: Italy, Spain, Kenya, Germany, Japan, Brazil.

Number of Students 2022-23: 25 (13.0 FTE)

Resources/Budget:

Current Budget is \$10,000 for cultural activities. Student Registration, Medical, Tuition and homestay cost: \$25,125 per year.

Emerging Areas of Need:

- a) Expanding our list of potential Homestay families
- b) Supporting students from Ukraine

Adaptations/Next Steps:

- 1) Hosting a student group from India with SD48 Sea to Sky.