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

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT: PARTNERSHIPS
Submitted by Superintendent Bocking
March 4th, 2020

(3b) Our district will pursue opportunities that **enhance collaborations** with associations, organizations, businesses and community resource people.

"Collaboration has no hierarchy. The Sun collaborates with soil to bring flowers on the earth."

- Amit Ray

Background:
The Sunshine Coast is a community of creativity, originality and energy. There is expertise and opportunity that support the growth and well-being of students. The intersection of community expertise with district expertise is elevated when we collaborate effectively.

Discussion:
The board's Strategic Plan prioritizes community collaboration as one of the keys to improving student achievement and life skills success. A few examples of our many partnerships that were discussed in committee include:

- Community Schools
- Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts
- Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre
- Parents / Caregivers
- Healthy Schools Committee *(VCH, SCRD, CYMH, Parent/Caregiver & Principal of Indigenous Learning and Programs)*
- Violent Threat Risk Assessment Team *(RCMP, MCFD, CYMH, Doctors, Principals, Sechelt Nation, Sunshine Coast Community Services, VCH, & SD46 counsellor)*
- Sunshine Coast Child and Youth Mental Health Local Action Team *(parents/caregivers, youth, Sechelt Nation, Division of Family Practice, CYMH, MCFD, Chief Medical Officer from VCH, Sunshine Coast Community Services, & RCMP)*
- Capilano University
- Vancouver Community College
- Sunshine Coast Business Community
- Sunshine Coast Regional District *(Joint Use Agreement)*
- Better Fields Committee *(local governments)*
- Active School Transportation *(VCH, local governments, & MOTI)*

Next Steps:

- Staff continue to work with community partners to meet the needs of our district and our community.
- Staff will continue to report on collaborative structures in the context of the goals as they are presented during the year