

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

## STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT: INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

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- 3g Our district will recruit students from around the world to live and learn with us in a welcoming international student program.
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### Background:

Participant input continues to help evolve the program to ensure that it meets student needs and Ministry requirements. Our goal is to ensure that it demonstrates the quality of service expected by students and agents overseas along with our International partners across British Columbia and national affiliates across Canada. The program also benefits our local students by providing global awareness and cross-cultural learning opportunities.

### Discussion:

Our student headcount for this year is 13 students, representing approximately 8.5 FTE. We now host small student groups for short visits from a variety of countries on a regular basis. The Ministry of Health has stipulated that all international students will participate in the BC Medical Services Plan, increasing insurance costs for all districts.

### Highlights:

- Activities for students happen throughout the year to provide them with a good understanding of the Sunshine Coast and the metro region.
- Our agent base continues to diversify.
- We maintain full membership with the Canadian Association of Public Schools-international (CAPS-i), representing Canadian programs around the world, and IPSEA (International Public School Education Association) representing BC public school districts.

### Next Steps:

- We will continue to develop our relationships with agents overseas to further diversify the agents and countries with which we work.
- Continuing to host small groups from overseas for short visits.
- Collaborating with the Sea to Sky School District for mutually beneficial program opportunities.
- Further developing a group of students as cultural ambassadors.
- Continuing to recruit more homestay parents.