

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

## STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT: INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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Goal 3,g,: 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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*“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:

We continue to promote a small, but vibrant, district international program. Students typically attend for one semester or year. Small numbers of students enrol with the expectation of graduating from one of our secondary schools.

### Synopsis of this Year’s Initiatives:

International students are offered a robust orientation program that includes:

- Newly arriving students are met by the school principal and a school administrator to review the expectations of the school and program.
- The homestay coordinator from Muskoka Lakes International (MLI) staff meets with families and students to review homestay expectations.
- Students spent a day with retired principal, Barry Krangle, visiting a variety of sites on the coast to become familiar with the local geography.
- Students met with the Director of Instruction, Paul Bishop, to discuss the goals of the program.

International students have the opportunity to take part in local, cultural activities:

- Barry Krangle has provided a number of activities for students to visit a variety of local sites.
- Students are involved with a number of school clubs and activities.

### Data Analysis and Review:

A stated strategic plan goal is to increase and diversify our agent and student base:

- Agent Base: 2016-2017: 1 | 2018-2019: 11 | 2021-2022: 24

- New Countries this year: Italy, Spain, Chile and Kenya in addition to current countries this year of Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Mexico, Chile, Taiwan, China
- Number of Students 2021-22: 24 (18.0 FTE)

**Resources/Budget:**

The current budget is \$10,000 for cultural activities.

**Emerging Areas of Need:**

- Navigating Federal travel Covid protocols continues to evolve on a daily basis.
- Expanding our list of potential Homestay families,

**Adaptations/Next Steps:**

We continue to increase our numbers of agents while we work through Federal travel protocols.