Position Description

Two temporary full-time (1.0) District Counsellors are required by School District No. 60 (Peace River North) effective September 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The assignment will be at Learning Services.

We are dedicated to providing services that assist students to develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge required to successfully participate in educational experiences. We provide indirect and direct service to the student and/or the school community. Our collective knowledge, skills, energy, creativity and empathy support and nurture this process.

Our philosophy is consistent with our District’s mission statement, “Together, We Learn” and with that of the Ministry of Education and the Special Education Programs Branch. Our own department’s mission statement, “Achieve ~ Believe ~ Connect!” demonstrates our commitment towards appropriate education and achievements for all children. We love the relevance in our logo! See www.prn.bc.ca/ls/for more information.

Qualifications and Experience

- Valid BC Ministry of Education Teaching Certificate (or eligible for)
- Qualifications at the Master’s level in counselling/psychology are required
- Counselling support and behaviour interventions that follow the RTI (Response to Intervention) framework is an essential understanding
- Excellent interpersonal, leadership and organizational skills are required to work at all three tiers of a responsive system, supporting teachers, school teams and parents in developing and strengthening the social and emotional skills of our children & youth
- Be available to school based-staff at school locations
- Be flexible and team orientated
- Planning and facilitating in-service sessions for classroom teachers, educational assistants, and parents is also a component of this position
- The candidate must have a reliable vehicle and be willing to travel to rural and in-town schools
- Preference will be given to the candidate who has the above skill set, plus:
  - Ability to participate in meetings outside the regular school day to support learning
  - Advanced training in educational psychology
  - Qualifications and experience in counselling at all grade levels
  - Experience and ability to utilize, interpret and implement the Functional Analysis of Behaviour, and other approved behaviour assessments to support the development of Behaviour Intervention Plans
  - Knowledge and skills to develop and support district protocols such as: Safety Plans, Crisis, Prevention & Intervention plans, Emergency plans, Risk Assessments, Threat Assessment
Experience and knowledge of processes such as Wraparound, TRIBES; Restorative Justice, Circle Talks, & Social Emotional Learning (SEL) supports

Experience with co-teaching and supporting in the classroom in addition to individual/group counselling

Knowledge & understanding of Positive School Culture, both in the classroom and on a school wide basis

A commitment to working with colleagues on the development of School Frameworks and the District's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Excellent interpersonal, organizational, and conflict resolution skills

Ability to work collaboratively with classroom teachers and school based teams to support classrooms with Tier 1 and 2 supports and specific scenarios involving more individual plans

Skills to develop and implement individual/group programs in areas such as social skills, self-esteem, anger management, bullying, anxiety, peer-pressure

Knowledge/experience in working with critical incidence response

Knowledge of materials and strategies appropriate for supporting students with complex needs

Ability/experience to contact and liaison with outside agencies

Experience with Apple technology and related software to support learning

Collaborative; team oriented

Interested applicants are required to supply

- Three (3) references
- Verification of qualifications (BC Teacher Certificate)

Compensation

- $1400 relocation allowance for teachers from BC, AB and Yukon and up to $2000 for teachers from other areas.
- $2,520.09 recruitment allowance (paid over 10 months of the school year, based on the FTE)
- Salary as per collective agreement. Current salary grid is $48,657 - $91,278
- Benefits as per collective agreement with option to enrol in medical, dental, extended health, and group life insurance. Benefits are employer paid based on FTE.

For more information please contact:

Carleen Andrews, Director of Instruction, 250.262.6098 or candrews@prn.bc.ca

Please note:

All applications with relevant documentation must be made through Make A Future at https://bit.ly/2KBM0tQ for consideration for the position
About School District 60

School District 60 is noted for innovative educational practices and excellent cooperative relationships between all educational partners. Our district is made up of dedicated, energetic professionals for whom the achievement and well-being of their students is a first priority. Together we challenge, encourage and support all learners to be responsible for developing their abilities with respect for self, others and the environment.

School District 60 is progressive and growing. There are 21 schools, with a 22nd forward-looking and innovative school currently under construction. The district’s schools provide education services to approximately 6000 ethnically and demographically diverse students.

School District 60 is located on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains in the northern tip of the Canadian Prairies in beautiful Fort St. John, BC. Fort St John is 478 km northeast of Prince George and 1,237 km north of Vancouver, situated near the border with neighbouring Alberta, 214 km west of Grande Prairie, Alberta. The region’s economy is prosperous and expanding. Fort St John is a city for all seasons and year-round playground for those who like pristine wilderness, an active lifestyle, cosmopolitan city life and the enthusiasm of an energetic community.

Why School District 60

- Classroom positions available
- Professional development opportunities
- Supportive culture of teacher collaboration
- Curriculum and teacher supports
- French Immersion, music & outdoor education programs
- Advanced technology facilities and resources
- Progressive and growing district
- Innovative educational practices