PRINCIPAL REQUIRED
Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School and Esperanza Elementary Secondary School

Vancouver Island West School District 84 is seeking an outstanding educational leader for the position of Principal of Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School and Esperanza Elementary Secondary School, effective August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018 (with possibility for extension).

Located on the beautiful west coast of Vancouver Island, School District 84 delivers public education to approximately 440 students in the communities of Esperanza, Gold River, Kyuquot, Nanaimo, Tahsis, and Zeballos, including four First Nations. Located approximately 150 km west of Campbell River (including 67 km of logging road), Tahsis is a secluded coastal village in a beautiful natural setting which attracts outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy a rugged West Coast experience. Esperanza is a boat-in community located between Tahsis and Zeballos on the northwest side of Vancouver Island.

Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School is an attractive and well-equipped facility that enrolls approximately 20 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. The educational and support staffs strive to provide all students with a successful learning experience. Computers are networked throughout and are integral to the school. Curriculum areas that continue to be a focus for development include early language experiences (experiential and outdoor education), applied skills, and the senior graduation program.

Esperanza Elementary Secondary School currently serves a small number of elementary students and is the home-base for the District’s Nootka Sound Outdoor Program for junior and secondary students. While at Esperanza, students learn to explore a world of inquiry beyond the confines of the classroom, through experiential learning and outdoor education. The NSOP allows students to earn credits towards graduation and industry certifications while engaging in wilderness pursuits, contributing towards traditional and modern stewardship projects, leadership programs, and work experience.

The Principal will be an energetic team leader who can inspire by example, encourage innovation and build on existing strengths. This is a career opportunity for a respectful, resourceful and effective educator who is committed to working and living in a remote and beautiful West Coast community.

The candidate we seek will have a professional profile that includes:

- the ability to create a focus and commitment with the staff and school community to successfully address the needs of all students;
- a commitment and understanding of the need to plan and provide for the success of each student;
- proven leadership abilities and the skills and knowledge of effective teaching needed to work with all staff in meeting the commitment to address student learning needs;
- the ability to work in a supportive and trusting manner with parents, District and school-based professional and support staff and outside agencies in addressing the needs of all students including First Nations students;
- a solutions oriented approach to problems, demonstrated ability to facilitate change, and demonstrated understanding of needs, issues and problems in education;
- successful leadership experience at the school or District level;
- excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills;
- vision and risk taking;
- proven ability to work with all partners to establish clear goals and direction;
- ability to develop and maintain a safe and orderly learning environment;
- a focus on student achievement, excellent teaching and instructional leadership;
- a commitment to building shared leadership; and,
- a commitment to develop and encourage experiential learning.

An experienced candidate who is eligible for a BC teaching certificate and with a Master’s degree in education completed (or in progress) is preferred. Telephone and e-mail inquiries are invited. Submissions must include information about the proven strengths of the candidate in a small isolated school setting with an ambitious education program that addresses the needs of a diverse population.

Applications, to include three professional references, will be accepted, preferably by e-mail, until 4:00 pm, August 28, 2017:

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