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The Experiential Journey of Korean Mothers of International Students Living in Delta, Canada

ABSTRACT

This study explored the experiences of Korean mothers of international students living in Delta, British Columbia, Canada. These women made the journey with their children to live as temporary transnational residents in Canada in order to support their children while they studied in elementary and secondary schools in the Delta School District.

The purpose of this study was to examine the experiences of the Korean mothers, to discover their personal challenges and successes, and to explore their level of connection with the school and local Canadian and Korean communities. The ultimate objective is to better understand how School Districts can provide effective support for these families that they have recruited into their International Programs. International Student Programs in the Canadian elementary and secondary school system is a relatively new phenomenon. While Canadian International Student Programs represents a multi-billion dollar industry, bringing a large revenue stream into local School Districts and communities, there are relatively few research studies on the experience of the students and their families.

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