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Subject: Staffing Announcement: Principal - Alvin A. McKay Elementary
District Principal - Curriculum & Instruction

Dear Nisga'a School District Community,

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce the appointment of Laura Ganyo. Laura brings with her 17 years of exceptional experience in education, spanning roles as a teacher, instructional coach, vice-principal, principal and district-level administrator. Her career has been marked by a deep commitment to fostering inclusive, equitable, and high-performing learning environments that focus on student success, making her an invaluable addition to our team.

Laura's educational philosophy and experience is both inspiring and aligned with our district's mission and vision. As she shares:

"I am thrilled to join the district as the new District Principal of Curriculum & Instruction and as the Principal of Alvin A. McKay Elementary. I began my career teaching mathematics, inspired by my engineering background and passion for science, research, and problem-solving. Just last week, I closed a chapter in my career as the Superintendent of Education at the Conseil Scolaire du Grand Nord, where I oversaw curriculum implementation, supported school principals, and ensured the well-being and mental health of staff and students across a network of ten schools. My leadership style is rooted in fostering strong relationships and empowering students and staff to achieve their full potential. I have also engaged in several education initiatives including collaboration with Ontario's Ministry of Education on curriculum development and assessment initiatives."

Laura's vision resonates powerfully with our district's strategic priorities, particularly our focus on advancing equity, enhancing student well-being, and improving outcomes through evidence-based practices. Laura's leadership will be instrumental in guiding our schools as we continue to strengthen curriculum and instruction, with a particular emphasis on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students, including those at AAMES and across the district.

In her role, Laura will work closely with school leaders, educators, and staff to provide strategic direction, support innovative teaching practices, and ensure that every student has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. Her collaborative approach and dedication to excellence will undoubtedly have a transformative impact on our schools and the broader community.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Laura Ganyo to the Nisga'a School District family as she begins her first day on February 3, 2025. We are excited to see the positive change and innovation she will bring to our district and look forward to the bright future ahead under her leadership.

Respectfully,

Liimiiuum Hala'ayt - Robert Clifton
Superintendent of Schools
Nisga'a School District