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Subject: Staffing Announcement: Vice-Principal - Alvin A. McKay Elementary
District Vice-Principal – Indigenous Education

Dear Nisga'a School District Community,

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Sayt Dakhl – Beverly Azak to the dual role of Vice-Principal at Alvin A. McKay Elementary School and District Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education, effective March 1, 2025.

Beverly brings a wealth of experience, passion, and dedication to this critical leadership position. A proud member of Wilps Ksim Xsaan, Sayt Dakhl grew up in Gitwinksihlkw, Gitlaxt'amiks, Port Edward, and Sunnyside Cannery. With deep roots in the Nisga'a Nation and a strong commitment to Indigenous education, Sayt Dakhl is uniquely positioned to lead and inspire in this dual role.

Currently serving as the District Vice-Principal of Indigenous Education with Coast Mountains School District 82, Beverly has demonstrated exceptional leadership in strategic planning, coaching, mentoring, and capacity building. Her work has focused on fostering community connections, supporting learner success, and integrating language and culture into educational practices. Beverly's expertise in data-driven decision-making, program design, and graduation advising has made a significant impact on student achievement and well-being.

Sayt Dakhl holds a Bachelor of Education and is completing a Master of Educational Technology from the University of British Columbia. She also has a Community Linguistics Certificate from the University of Alberta, and a Master's Certificate in Project Management from the University of Northern British Columbia. Her academic background, combined with extensive leadership experience in K-12 education, as well as work with First Nations Education Steering Committee and Nisga'a Lisims Government, positions her to be an outstanding educator and administrator.

Sayt Dakhl's leadership will be instrumental in advancing the Nisga'a School District's mission to provide equitable, inclusive, culturally respectful and high-quality education for all students. Her passion for lifelong learning, commitment to Nisga'a cultural values, and deep respect for all Indigenous perspectives align seamlessly with the district's vision and values.

Please join us in welcoming Sayt Dakhl – Beverly Azak to the Nisga'a School District team. We are confident that her guidance, wisdom, dedication, and collaborative spirit will make a lasting impact on our schools, students, and communities.

Respectfully,

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