

Nisga'a School District No. 92 is pleased to welcome Olga Jorda Juanos to our district educational leadership team as district Vice-principal Inclusive Education. Olga has been working as an inclusive education teacher at Alvin A McKay Elementary School for the past several years.



Olga considers herself to be an enthusiastic person, always adopting a critical and constructive attitude towards life. Notwithstanding the strengthening and fulfilling experiences that the past twenty years of her career have brought, Olga feels so humbled by the opportunity to continue to be part of and contribute to this one-of-a-kind community that strives to provide an enriching program where respect for diversity, language and culture are placed at the core of what we do.

The fascination and appreciation which Olga has for indigenous cultures in general, and the Nisga'a ways of life in particular, has continued to grow since she reached the age of reason, partly due to her own experiences as a Catalan native speaker as well as the exposure to Nishnaabe and other traditional knowledge through extended family connections. Olga does therefore not only expose herself to learning material that shares knowledge about the indigenous world; she also lives it, spending a significant part of her time among people of several traditional territories, including the Nisga'a Nation. This is what keeps shaping her knowledge and understanding around the distinctive ways of life in each place.

Somewhere there in Olga's reflections is that ever present reminder list of responsibilities we hold as lifelong learners and educators and, from the perspective of this new role, the thinking around what inclusion really means. Olga acknowledges the significance of Txeemsim and is committed to continuing to contribute to the children's sense of identity and belonging in accordance with the Nisga'a principles of life Sayt-K'íim Goot, Nisga'a Ayuuk and the Yuuhlimk'askw system.

Hagwin lakhl kubitkilhkw dim wila dip gwinga'adil ganwilakilks loodiit. Dim déntgum níidiit xaan'itkwshl sa ahl t'sim sayt kí'im goot.