



Provincial School Outreach

Presentation to:
Nisga'a Board of Education

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PROVINCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Auditory Outreach Program: Supporting Students with Cochlear Implants.....

**Inclusion Outreach Program:
Supporting Students with Severe Cognitive and Multiple Physical Disabilities**

**Provincial Outreach for Autism & Related Disorders (POPARD):
Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.....**

**Provincial Outreach Program for Deafblindness (POPDB):
Supporting Students with Deafblindness**

**Provincial Outreach Program for the Early Years (POPEY):
Supporting English Literacy for Diverse and Struggling Students in K-3.....**

**Provincial Outreach Program for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (POPFASD):
Supporting Students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**

**Provincial Outreach Program: Deaf and Hard of Hearing (POPDHH):
Supporting Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students**

**Provincial Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired (PRCVI):
Supporting Students with Visual Impairments**

**PRCVI – the Accessible Resource Centre (ARC-BC):
Supporting Access for Students with Perceptual Disabilities.....**

**Special Education Technology BC (SET-BC):
Supporting Students who Require Specialized Technology**



Deputy Minister's Bulletin

Ministry of Education and Child Care



Joint MECC & MCFD initiative

School Outreach Teams – Host District - Expression of Interest (EOI)

March 10, 2023

As part of new government investments to assist children and youth with support needs, the Ministry of Education and Child Care is collaborating with the Ministry of Children and Family Development to launch new provincial school outreach teams. These teams of specialists, which may include physical and occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, learning support teacher consultants and school psychologists, will help to build the capacity of school districts across the province (especially rural and remote districts) to address the specific needs of the students with disabilities and diverse abilities. The outreach teams will provide in-person and virtual support to school districts across the province, including case consultations, professional development sessions, and linking district staff to regional and provincial resources and services.

School districts that would like to be considered to host the new school outreach teams, for a 3-year commitment beginning in the 2023/24 school year, should submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)

Team of Specialists
(i.e., School Psych, LST, SLP, OT, PT)

Build capacity of school districts, especially rural and remote, to address the specific needs of students with disabilities / diverse abilities.



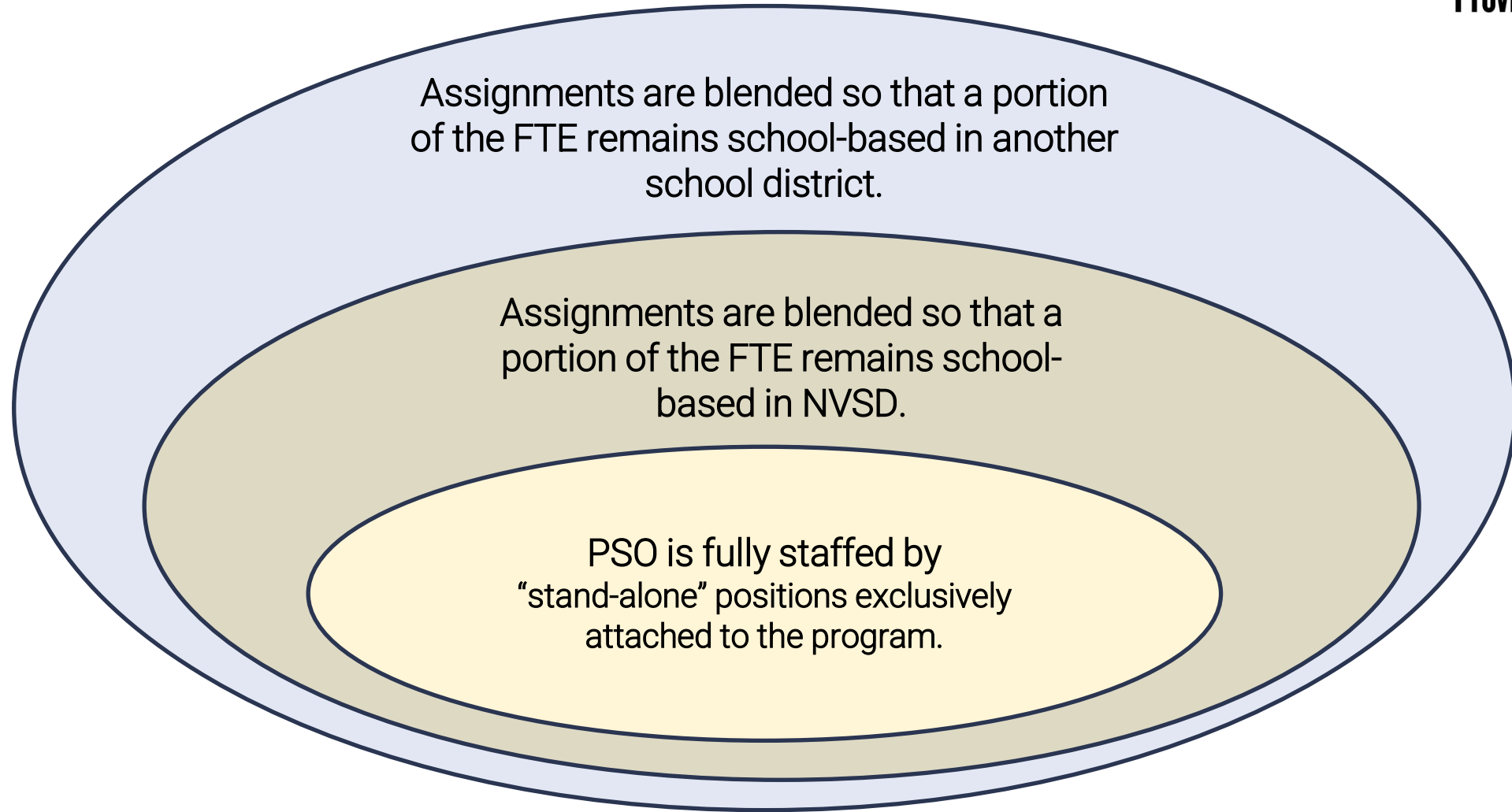
Two outreach teams of 5 FTE specialists each (may include PT/OT, SLP, LST, school psychologist).

The outreach teams will travel throughout the province to provide support and learning opportunities to school districts, including:

- In-person assessments, planning and support – allowing the specialists to act as an extended school-based team for the school or school district.
- Virtual-educational consultation, for district staff, teachers, and educational assistants, which may include consultation with students and parents as needed.
- Expertise to tailor education plans and identify and teach strategies to help meet student and school district needs.
- Connecting school and district staff to additional local and online resources (e.g., CYSN, CYMH).



Recruitment



PSO Staffing



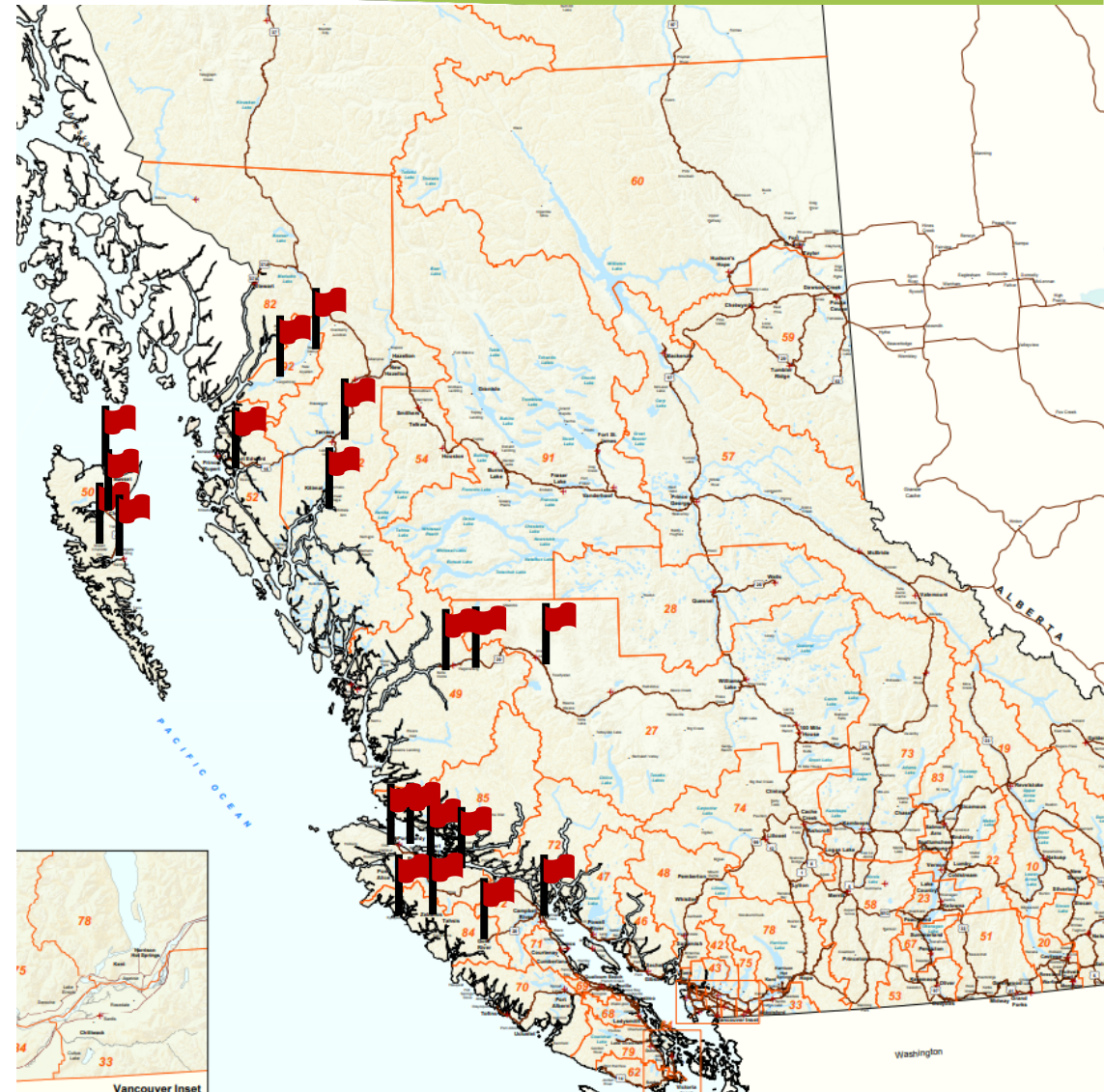
Position	Full Time Equivalent	Position Start Date
Occupational Therapist	1.0	Oct 30, 2023
Speech Language Pathologist	0.5	Dec 4, 2023
School Psychologist	0.5	Jan 8, 2024
Learning Services Teacher	0.5	Jan 8, 2024
Board Certified Behaviour Analyst	1.0	Jan 15, 2024
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Speech Language Pathologist	0.5	Jan 15, 2024
Total	4.5 FTE	
School Counsellor	1.0*	Proposed (subject to discussion with MCFD in January)
Specialized Educational Assistant	1.0*	Proposed (posting in early January for start 5 Feb 2024)

*Will fund using budget from unfilled vacancies between September and January

School Districts Supported

October 2nd to February 9th

- Nisga'a (92) – 3 visits
- Vancouver Island North (85) – 2 Visits
- Vancouver Island West (84) – 2 Visits
- Coast Mountains (82) – 2 Visits
- Haida Gwaii (50) – 2 Visits
- Central Coast (49) – 2 Visits
- Fort Nelson (81) – 1 Visit
- Prince Rupert (52) – 1 Visit
- Gulf Islands (64) – 1 Visit



Determining Priority Districts



- Limited or no district-wide or school-level infrastructure in place to support inclusive education (*i.e., District Administrator, School Based Resource Team.*)
- School has no access to specialist support in one or more areas (*i.e., Learning Asst. Resource Teacher, Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, School Psychologist, Behaviour Analyst.*)
- Student is unable to regularly attend school due to the absence of specialist support.
- Student's academic program or social-emotional well being is significantly impacted due to the absence of specialist support.
- Student is unable to access specialist support from another Provincial Program because they do not fit their eligibility criteria.

Special Relationship with Nisga'a



The Next Phase



- Trialing newly developed *PSO Referral Process and Service Delivery* with Nisga'a school district.
- Building a strong partnership with Nisga'a Family Support Services.
- Enhancing coordination with other provincial outreach programs who are supporting Nisga'a students.
- Optimizing virtual-educational outreach services and support:
Two frameworks: i) ongoing home/school/program networking, ii) resource repository.

Provincial School Outreach

Provincial School Outreach is a multi-disciplinary team of specialists who provide in-person and virtual support to school districts across the province, including case consultations, professional development sessions, and linking school and school district staff to regional and provincial resources and services. PSO is currently building a team to include a school psychologist, occupational therapist, speech language pathologist, learning services resource teacher and physiotherapist. Other specialist personnel may be added to the team in the future. **Click [here](#) if you are interested in becoming part of PSO.**

During its first year, the new program will prioritize services and support for school districts in rural and remote regions where unfilled vacancies of specialist personnel may be adversely impacting service delivery to students. However, PSO personnel are always available for consultation with school and district personnel. The program is also committed to building networks across the province to enhance school-based and district-wide systems of support.



Extended Resource Team

We serve as an extended resource team that can be called upon for consultation to determine how best to meet the needs of one or more learners through universal, targeted, and intensive levels of support.



Outreach Services and Support

In-person outreach services are prioritized for school districts that are currently without one or more specialist personnel, especially those located in rural and remote areas of the province.



System-wide Capacity Building

Our program is seeking to create a network of school districts that are invested in enhancing the school-based and district-wide support systems that guide their service delivery.

Become part of the conversation



Questions / Feedback / Insights

Thank you!



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