



POLICY 2020

TRADITIONAL-TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, FLAG AND NATIONAL ANTHEM PROTOCOL

POLICY:

The Board of Education believes the flags of British Columbia, Canada, the Ktunaxa First Nation, the Métis Nation of BC, and the Secwépemc First Nation, and the acknowledgment of the traditional territories and the national anthem “O Canada” are important parts of the celebration of Canada as a country, British Columbia as a province and the traditional territory of the Indigenous Peoples upon which School District 6 resides.

The Board of Education further believes the territory acknowledgement and the national anthem develop a sense of identity and purpose for the people of Canada. Territory acknowledgements and the national anthem develop a sense of pride in being a Canadian, teach the value of traditions and demonstrate a commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and the Calls to Action for both adults and children.

Each school and board office will fly the flags of Canada, British Columbia, Ktunaxa Nation, the Métis Nation of B.C., and the Secwépemc First Nation at the front of each school.

REFERENCES: [Sections 5 \(10\) and 5 \(11\)](#), of the *School Act*

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