



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 47 (POWELL RIVER)
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To Whom This May Concern,

Re: Healthy Mind, Body and Spirit Grant Application

This letter is being written in support of the Tla'amin Nation's grant application to extend their Healthy Mind, Body and Spirit Program. This funding would enable them to offer introductory linguistic courses which in turn would lead to a Certificate in Language offered by the University of Victoria or a bachelor's degree from UVIC or other post-secondary institutions. Gathering and archiving information, and updating orthography used in previous work so it is accessible to community members would also be an important part of this program.

This grant would allow local students to reconnect with their history, culture and lost traditions. This project will be a catalyst to encourage youth to enter the teacher vocations and become role models within their community. Language is the cornerstone of culture and time is of the essence to archive and support the language as the expertise within elders is diminishing quickly.

Currently, School District #47 offers a language course for grades K-12 students and we are excited at the prospect of this funding being approved as students would be able to further their education and would allow the Tla'amin Nation to extend what is currently being offered, by serving all four related communities – Tla'amin Nation, Homalco Nation, Klahoose Nation, and Komoks Nation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Yule', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Jay Yule
Superintendent
Board of Education
School District 47 (Powell River)

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