



### **Self-Identification of Indigenous Ancestry (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit)**

Indigenous Education Services in School District #71 (Comox Valley) offers various supports and opportunities to over 1,750 students of Indigenous Ancestry. Our goal is to enrich the educational opportunities for all our Indigenous students. The focus for our service is to enhance all Indigenous students' understanding of their heritage, their sense of belonging and the personal belief that they can be successful in the British Columbia public school system.

Indigenous Ancestry is determined on a ***voluntary basis through verbal self-identification***. This includes First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. We **do not require further documentation**. Ancestry may go back several generations and a Status Card is not required.

For more information or if you have any questions, please speak with the Indigenous Support Worker assigned to your school or contact our office at 250-331-4040 or email [indigenous.education@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:indigenous.education@sd71.bc.ca)