



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM COMOX VALLEY

District Review

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COMOX VALLEY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# District Review Process and Team

## 5 Person Team

- Steve Knight,
- Greg Kochanuk
- Colin Guiguet
- Julia McCoid
- Christophe Abele

Gathered information from International Program staff and school based staff associated with the International Program (host families, support staff, students)



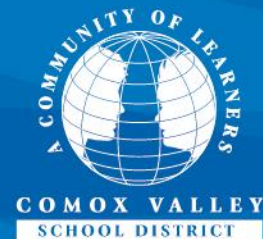
# Six Guiding Questions

1. What is working?
2. What could be improved?
3. What are the aspirations for the program?
4. How do we get there?
5. Key recommendations moving forward
6. Other key ideas and comments

# Programs offered to School District #71



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# International Programs

## Fee Paying International Students:

- Students from 21 countries come and study in our School District.
- 190-200 FTE in the 2017-18 school year
- Approximately 300-350 students in our schools annually

## One for One Exchange Students:

- 10-15 students from School District #71 participate annually
- Italy, Spain, Japan, Mexico, Germany, France, Denmark

## Cultural Exchange Program:

- Two week true exchange led by school based teacher leaders to China, Germany & Italy
- Rotating through each secondary school annually



# International Programs

## Short Term Programs

### Youn Hoon International Middle School

### Thailand Short Term Groups

### Short Term Chinese I-Maker Group



# International Programs

## Summer Programs

- English Experience Program - This is a four week program offered in July is to expose students to ESL classes and an extensive activity program that includes many exciting trips for students
- Academic Preparation Program - This four week program offered in August is to prepare students for starting school in September, providing ESL classes and experiencing activity trips to many beautiful places on Vancouver Island
- Specially trained ESL teachers instruct the summer program
- Supported by Secondary School students as peer counsellors and mentors





# Finances To Our School District

Year	Revenues	Expenditure	Surplus to District	Total FTE To Schools	Total FTE Costs From ISP Program
2015-16	\$3,729,250	\$3,259,473	\$469,777	9.25 FTE	\$879,778
2016-17	\$3,797,500	\$3,369,464	\$428,036	9.75 FTE	\$927,333
2017-18	\$4,132,500	\$3,764,078	\$368,422	11.25 FTE	\$1,471,827

Our goal continues to be to offer quality programs to students in our School District and use the funds that we generate from our International student fees to put back into our schools to provide additional supports, programs and teacher FTE for all students in our School District.

Using the 2017-18 school year figures we have provided \$1,472,827.00 to our School District and Schools to provide educational opportunities for all students in the Comox Valley.



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# Staffing Levels For Our Program

1. District Principal of International Program - Steve Knight - 1.0 (PVP)
2. Manager Of Marketing and Recruiting - Colin Guiguet - 1.0 (Excluded Staff)
3. Host Family Coordinator - Youn Hee Edmonds - 1.0 (Excluded Staff)
4. Host Family Coordinator - Amy Ho - 1.0 (Excluded Staff)
5. Senior Administrative Assistant - Melissa Jobe - 1.0 (CUPE)
6. Administrative Assistant - Program Worker - Suella Price - 1.0 (CUPE)
7. Administrative Assistant - Program Worker- Christie Jeffers - .5 (CUPE)



# DREAM

## Mission

To enroll students from many countries in the world and then to benefit all stakeholders in the district by: fostering inclusive learning experiences in cultural diversity; building a sustainable international program with exemplary support structures; and enhancing educational opportunities through reduced student-teacher ratios and enriched programs.

## Vision

By 2018, The Comox Valley ISP will be robust, sustainable and recognized for creating an inclusive, multicultural student environment through the hosting of international students and the provision of exchange programs for students and teachers, and for enriching educational opportunities in the district.



# Program History

**Launched during the 2005-2006 school year**

**Enrollment increase every year since**

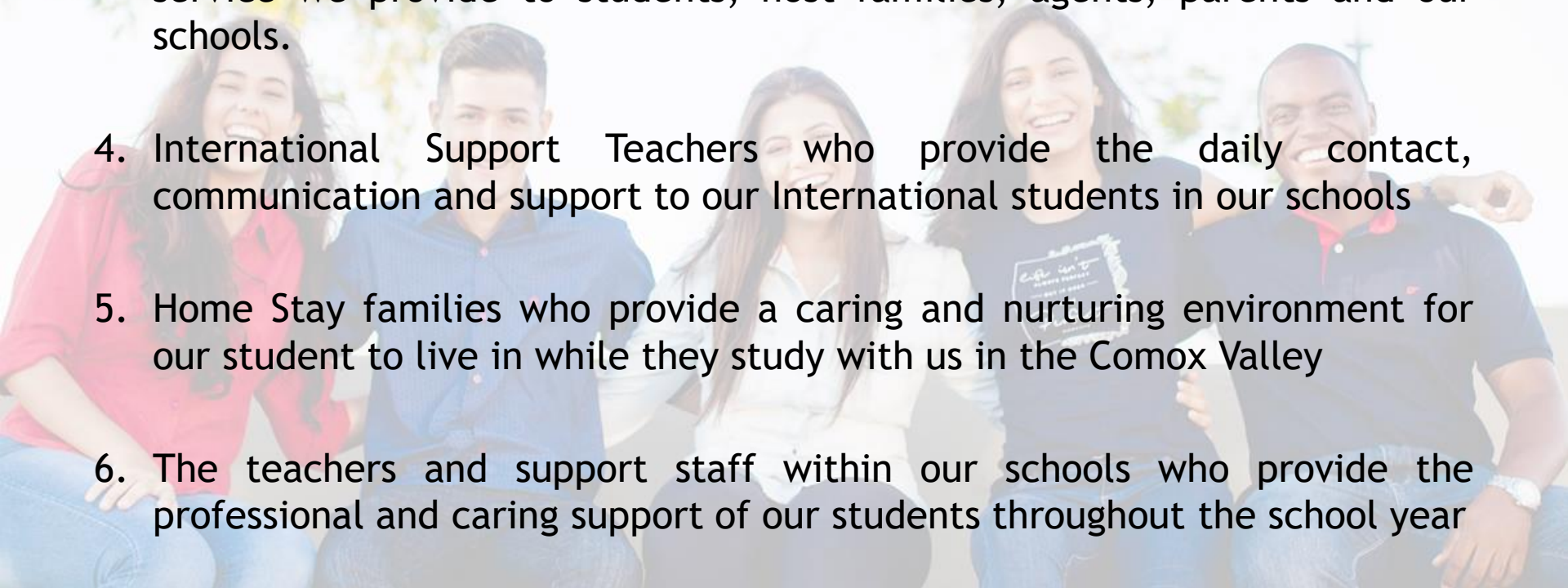
**Now 200 FTE annually**

**2012 External Review & Resulting 5 year plan**

**Where are we now?**

# Champions of the Program

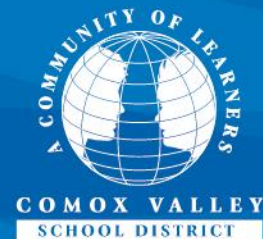
1. Our students, staff, host families and community
2. District Principal - This position is critical to the leadership of the program to oversee all aspects and quality of the program
3. Manager of Marketing and Recruiting, Administrative Assistants and Host Family Coordinators are critical to maintaining the excellent quality of service we provide to students, host families, agents, parents and our schools.
4. International Support Teachers who provide the daily contact, communication and support to our International students in our schools
5. Home Stay families who provide a caring and nurturing environment for our student to live in while they study with us in the Comox Valley
6. The teachers and support staff within our schools who provide the professional and caring support of our students throughout the school year



# Questions and Discussion



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