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Memorandum of Understanding
Between the
Cowichan Valley Métis Association

And

The Board of Education of School District No 79
(Cowichan Valley)

October 1, 2020

Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding provides a significant opportunity for

_____ Middle Middle School and School District 70 Conishes Road

[REDACTED]

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 2nd day of February, 2021 shall be effective from the 1st day of September 2020.

BETWEEN:

The Cowichan Valley Métis Association Elected Board
(herein after called Cowichan Valley Métis Nation)

AND:

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 79 Cowichan Valley

(together referred to as the "Parties")

[REDACTED]

(collectively called the "Parties")

WHEREAS the Cowichan Valley Métis Association Elected Board, as the governing body of Cowichan Valley Métis Nation, has a vested interest in and commitment to the education of it's members.

AND WHEREAS Cowichan Valley Métis Nation places great value on our children and their educational success

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The Parties wish to enter into this agreement to set out processes and

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content by which they will continue to work together to provide education programs and additional educational services for Cowichan Valley Métis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

collaboration and cooperation with a trusting, respectful relationship, building understanding and being innovative so that all Cowichan Valley Métis Nation students are supported to achieve successful education outcomes.

e) The Parties have a shared interest and priority in supporting
[REDACTED]

Consistent with the principles and term of this agreement, Cowichan Valley Métis Nation and the Board of Education will continue to work together to:

~~Support and provide for the development of policies~~

~~that are consistent with the principles and terms of this agreement, and that are designed to ensure that the education of Cowichan Valley Métis Nation students is of the highest quality and that the needs of Cowichan Valley Métis Nation students are met.~~

programs, services, curriculum and other educational opportunities that promote the success of Cowichan Valley Métis Nation students.

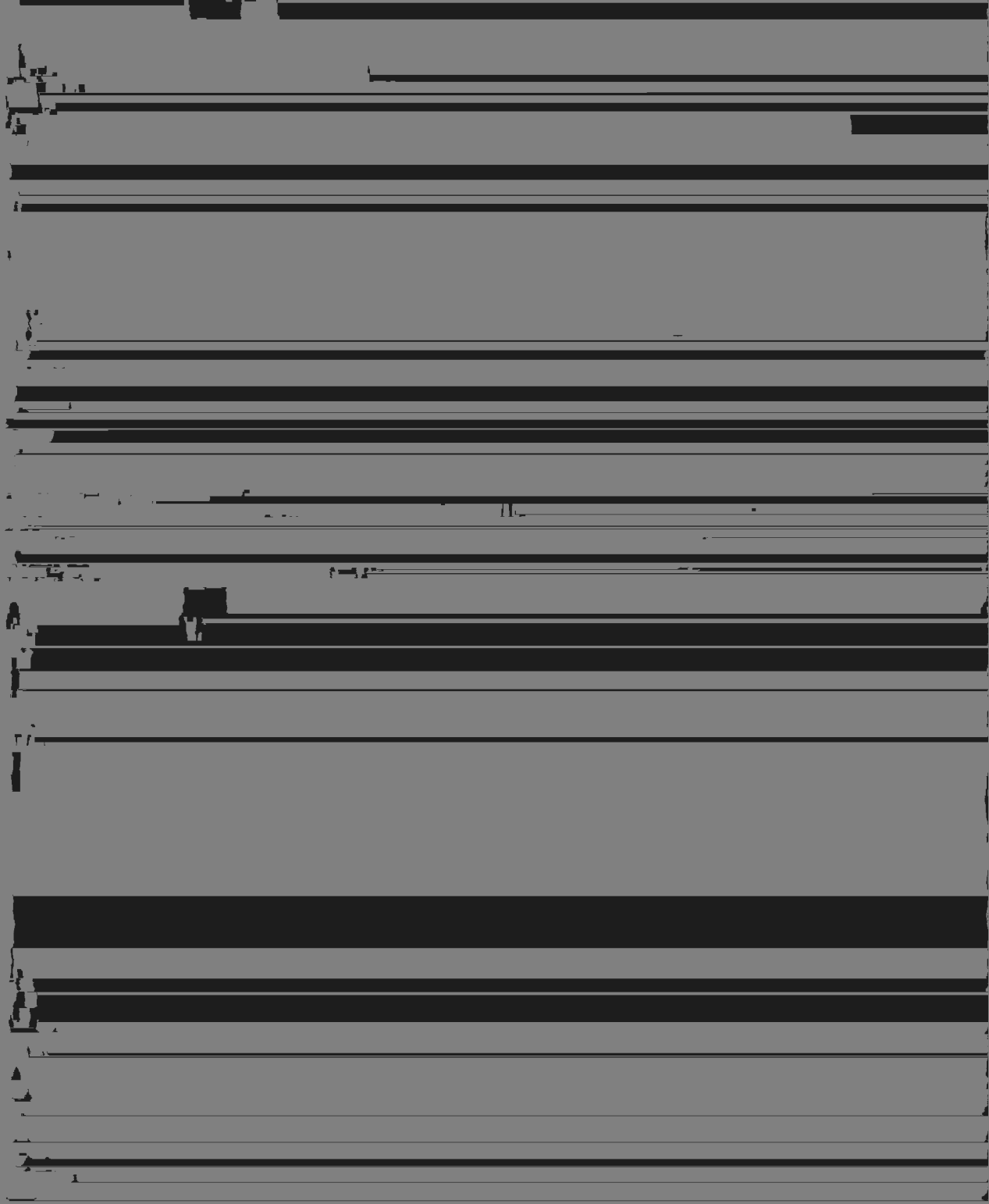
b. Enhance and affirm a strong **identity, pride in heritage and healthy self-esteem in Cowichan Valley Métis Nation** students.

c. **Actively involve Elders and other Cowichan Valley Métis**

Nation knowledge keepers in the education of Cowichan Valley Métis Nation and other Indigenous and non-Indigenous

pursue any life path they choose including post-secondary education or employment.

h. Ensure supports and services are available to all Cowichan Valley Métis Nation students requiring learning assistance



- ii. From the Board of Education: Trustees, senior management, administrators, teachers and support staff, the Indigenous Education program staff, district support

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team, and school based teams.

- o. Promote and support regular in-service and professional learning activities focused on developing awareness, understanding, and appreciation for Cowichan Valley Métis Nation culture, traditions, teaching, heritage and Michif language.

4. Board Responsibilities

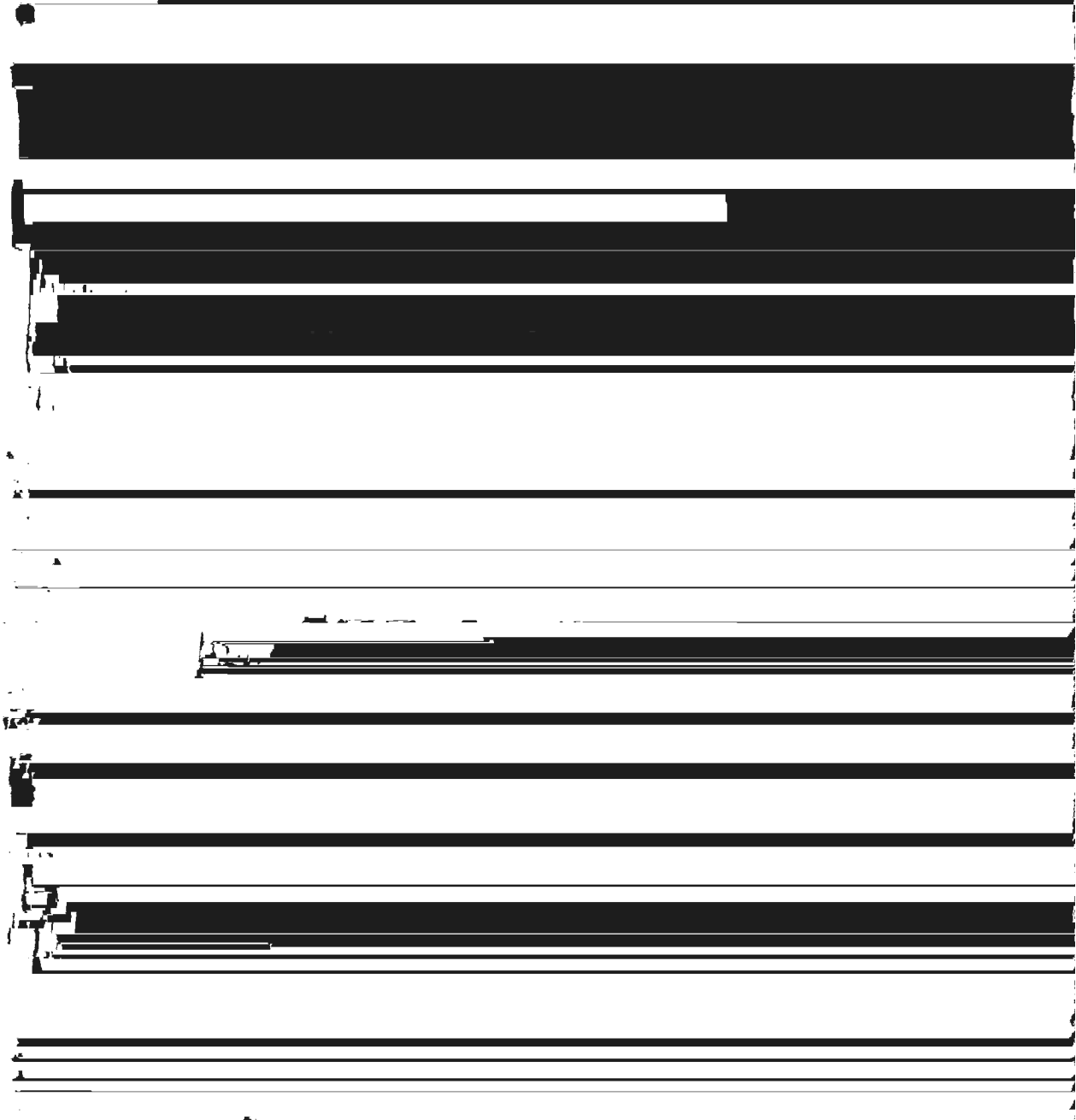
4.1 In accordance with the terms of this Agreement the board agrees to:

- a. Ensure that Cowichan Valley Métis Nation students have equitable access to educational programs;
- b. Ensure that any learning assessments required are

[REDACTED]

- p. Promote an understanding of and appreciation for the history, language and culture of Indigenous peoples in British Columbia, including required curriculum on the residential school experience, with a focus on Métis Nation history, Michif language and culture;

Promote the offering of, and enrollment in, English First



- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12, and BAA courses with Indigenous focused content and activities for all students;
- r. Allocate \$13,000 year to Cowichan Valley Métis Nation for the delivery of the 5-day Métis camp program.

- viii) number of Cowichan Valley Métis Nation students eligible to move on to post-secondary education;
- ix) a list of courses and programs offered that emphasize Indigenous knowledges and cultures;

[REDACTED]

- accessing Indigenous Education services and the type and frequency of the services accessed.
- xi) An overview of the Métis focused events or initiatives that have occurred over the course of the school year.

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10.1 This agreement will be in effect for the 2020 - 2021 school year and will continue until the end of the 2023 - 2024 school year unless terminated earlier as provided in this agreement.

10.2 The parties will review this agreement prior to the end of March of each year and may make amendments to the agreement at that



time: such amendments will be effective on the following August 31st

11 Notice

Any notices or communications pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered to, or sent by prepaid courier or confirmed by email, addressed as follows:

Cowichan Valley Métis Nation Education
Attn: Elected Leader, Richard Lewis
60 Queens Road
Duncan, B.C.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF Cowichan Valley Métis Nation and the Board have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representative and signatories as of July 1, 2020

**Cowichan Valley Métis Nation:
EDUCATION**

**THE BOARD OF
DISTRICT NO.79 (COWICHAN VALLEY)**



Elected Leader,
Cowichan Valley Métis Nation Elected Council



Chairman,
School District No. 79

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Cowichan Valley Métis Nation Elected Council

Superintendent of Schools,
School District 79