


KITSUMKALUM  
  
BAND COUNCIL

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**REPORT TO: Community from the Education Administrator:**

Charlotte Guno is my name and I am employed by the Kitsumkalum Band as the Education Administrator. I am responsible for K-12 students attending Public School, Private School and First Nation School. As the Education Administrator I am responsible for the Post Secondary Program.

**SCHOOLS STUDENTS ATTEND: SCHOOL TERM 21 - 22**

Kitsumkalum has 33 students attending public school; 21 attending private school and 46 attending NaAksa and 3 attending Wabsuwilaks

Suwilaawks	13	NaAksa	46
Skeena	11	Centennial	9
Parkside	0	Veritas	8
Cassie Hall	1	Mountainview	3
Caledonia	7	Jack Cook	1
Northwest Trades	1	Wabsuwilaks (adult)	3

**COMMITTEES I SIT ON WITHIN THE CMSD ARE:**

**LOCAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT:**

Kitsumkalum presently has Local Education Agreements with CMSD, Centennial and Veritas. All local education agreements are living documents and will be revised when either the First Nation or School District feel that a change is required. The Local Education Agreement (LEA) defines the terms and conditions for the purchase of the education program. The Band's expectation is that: our STUDENTS will receive QUALITY education. If the Band does not have a LEA the funding will flow directly to the Schools from ISC.

Our on-going difficulty has been "How to Implement the LEA". Presently Kitsumkalum and Kitselas are working on revising their LEA and the main component of the revised LEA is -- HOW it is to be implemented and assessed.

**ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT:**

The Enhancement Agreements is an agreement between first nations and the School District. The funding from the Provincial Government pays for the following:

- First Nation Support Workers
  - Cultural Programs such as drum making, cedar bark weaving, regalia, story-telling, beading, first nation art and the first nation role model program.
- Anyone wishing to be a role model submit your resume to Charlotte/Cynthia

Suwilaawks has a "PRIZE WINNING" Cultural Dance Group – my thanks to George Peal, First Nation Support Worker.

NaAksa has a great Cultural Dance Group – my thanks to Jon Blumhagen (Gwa'les))

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

This committee consists of the Superintendent, District Principal of Aboriginal Education, Principals, and the First Nation. The committee discusses the programs that are working and if not working what needs to be done to make it work. Recommendations are then referred to the School Board Trustees'.

### **REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

This committee consists of Band Chiefs, Councillors, Education Administrators, Discussion is around Aboriginal and First Nation students

The following is my personal note to parents and caregivers:

#### **NEEDS of the child/student:**

- A balanced home life
- Homework time
- Consistent bed time
- Proper meals
- Discussions on Responsibilities to home, school and community

### **INCENTIVES (provided by the Band):**

School supply funding - this is done by an application process the first week of August. Parent's signature gives the Education Administrator the authority to access information from the school the child attends.

Report Card Incentive – Provide copy of report card -- \$25.

Attendance Incentive – Perfect attendance warrants \$25. Per month Grades 7- 12

Students who achieve A & B's shall receive an additional \$100. Per report card.

Incentives are given out December, Spring Break and June

ISC's funding is for Band Members living on reserve. Kitsumkalum has no authority over students living off the reserve.

### **BULLYING:**

I have received calls that there is bullying on the school bus – this bullying is done by a community member to community member. Bullying is not tolerated.

When a student is experiencing bullying they must report the incident to my office accompanied by their parent and we together will deal with the situation.

Remember if the bullying continues then the parent of the bullying child must drive their child to school.

NaAksa bullying – a letter to the principal and principal will deal with it.

### **GRADUATES FOR 21/22:**

Kitsumkalum will have 4 graduates in June.

Please remember my records are only as good as what is provided to me.

## **POST SECONDARY:**

**For the fiscal year period of 21/22 the Kitsumkalum Band funded:  
18 students – 16 full time and 2 part time**

**10 living off reserve and 8 living on reserve**

**16 full time – tuition, books, living allowance, travel  
2 part time – tuition, books**

**Total funding dollar amount: \$356,086**

**Types of Programs are: Freida Diesing School, BA in Arts, BA in Commerce, BA Psychology Bachelor or Education, Architectural Drafting Technician, Medical Lab Assistant, Masters in First Nation Studies, Bachelor of Business Administration, Professional Cooking, Welding, Nursing, Associates of Science, BA First Nation Studies, Dental Hygienists, Chartered Professional Accounting.**

**The Post Secondary Assistance Program is an application process and must be submitted to Kitsumkalum by May 30<sup>th</sup>. The following must be attached to the application:**

- **Completed application – signed and dated**
- **Letter explaining your educational goals**
- **Attached your transcript – Dogwood completion**
- **Attach status card**
- **Attached acceptance letter from College or University**
- **Attach cost of the program – tuition, books**
- **If married and have children copy of child's birth certificate**
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**Please sign application and READ YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES to Kitsumkalum**

**Each Band member is entitled to two full years of prerequisites if required – then follows five more years to achieve your final educational goal.(Keep this in mind when planning your educational goal). Please be sure not to jump from program to program – just keep in mind you have five years to complete your educational goal.**

**To qualify for living allowance you are required to be registered as a full time student, part-time students Kitsumkalum pays for tuition and books.**

**Please keep in mind Kitsumkalum can approve 15 – 19 applications and the approval process is as follows:**

- 1. On-going students**
- 2. Newly graduates**
- 3. First come first served**

**New applicants will know by the end of June if their application has been approved. Once approved you must provide Kitsumkalum with your direct deposit information. Kitsumkalum now does direct deposits of your living allowance and reimbursements to your account**

**If you have any question please visit the office. I, Charlotte fully retire May 30 and my replacement Marian Laval will work Tuesday to Friday 9 – 3 p.m. Telephone number is: 250 635 6177 (104) and email is: [education@kitsumkalum.com](mailto:education@kitsumkalum.com)**

