



Bringing Learning to Life!

# Vancouver Island North School District No. 85

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## Administrative Opportunity - Superintendent of Schools

***School District No. 85 acknowledges with gratitude that it operates on traditional Kwakwaka'wakw territory.***

The Board of Education for School District No. 85 is seeking an innovative, transformational, resourceful, and collaborative educational leader to fulfill the role of Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Education will oversee an operating budget of approximately \$18.5 million and, on behalf of the Board, a dedicated team of educators and support staff provide service to 1300 students in 10 schools in Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Port Alice, and Sointula. School District No. 85 honours the unique history and traditions of the communities of Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Fort Rupert, Coal Harbour, Port Alice, Sointula, Alert Bay, Woss Lake, Quatsino and Holberg. Aboriginal culture has flourished on Vancouver Island North for thousands of years and continues to be revered and respected today.

The Central Administration Office for the School District is located in Port Hardy, the hub for education, health, transportation, and economic activity for the region, and the gateway for BC Ferries travel into north-western BC. The North Island region offers access to unspoiled wilderness, a wealth of outdoor sports and recreation activities, and all of the advantages of Island life.

The Board is seeking a transformational educational leader to work with them to build on a long tradition of community-based service to learners, many of whom have Indigenous heritage. The Board and district staff have worked to create the focus, relationships, and commitments required to support the aspirations of parents, community members, and local First Nation leaders for their students. The district is proud of its collegial relationships with employee groups, other local service providers, and community leaders.

The ideal candidate for this position will have had successful previous experience in a senior educational leadership role, as well as being able to provide evidence of:

A commitment to equity for ALL learners, particularly those who are disadvantaged or vulnerable

A commitment to respecting First Nations territory, history, "ways of knowing", and to understanding the unique strengths and challenges these students bring to School District 85 classrooms

A collaborative, conciliatory, and constructive approach to relationships with internal and external stakeholders

An ability to initiate, create, and maintain trust in people, systems, and processes

Flexible, creative, inclusive, innovative, and ethical approaches to problem-solving and decision-making

Exceptional interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills

Understanding of the complexity of all aspects of school district operations

Familiarity with British Columbia's educational direction, context, and commitment to Indigenous students' success

Completion of a graduate level degree in Educational Leadership, Administration, or Curriculum

The position will commence on August 1, 2021, or at a mutually satisfactory date. To apply, please send your resume and supporting documents BY 4:00 P.M, MAY 17, 2021 to [resumes@gofutureshr.com](mailto:resumes@gofutureshr.com). Information on how to apply is at <https://bit.ly/3xdTKcK>.

More information about the position is available from search consultants, Julie MacRae and/or Catherine Jagger at [Julie@gofutureshr.com](mailto:Julie@gofutureshr.com) or [Catherine@gofutureshr.com](mailto:Catherine@gofutureshr.com) More information on School District 85 is available at [www.sd85.bc.ca](http://www.sd85.bc.ca)