

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

June 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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Beginning September of 2025, School District No. 57 (SD57) will be reintroducing an International Student Program (ISP) to select high schools across our region.

SD57 had an ISP in the past, and for a variety of reasons, the program ceased to operate. We currently have interest from international students in attending SD57 schools and will begin the process of working with an ISP Principal in a neighbouring school district for student placement.

A successful ISP is driven by the ability to provide positive and engaged homestay experiences and support for students, so the growth of the program will be contingent on being able to provide appropriate and positive homestays for students.

Though a potential revenue generator, it is recommended that none of the dollars generated from the program be utilized for core SD57 programming or structures; they would be used solely for enhancements and extras across the school district. Also, it must be noted that no SD57 dollars will be expended into the program. Revenues generated from the program (tuition and program fees) will be utilized to support homestay costs, recruitment costs, and the overall management of the program.

We are excited to see where this venture can take us and are hopeful that communities will rally behind providing homestay opportunities for students and enhancing the learning experiences of both SD57 students and those who come from abroad.

More information about how families can be involved and apply for homestay opportunities will be communicated later this month.