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## **EMPLOYMENT EQUITY/HUMAN RIGHTS EXEMPTION**

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## Rationale

The District has a significant number of Aboriginal students. The hiring of staff with Indigenous Ancestry would fulfill a cultural and/or traditional language role; as well as, provide Indigenous role models for all students.

The Board recognizes that Indigenous principals, teachers and support staff are under-represented in the public education system. The Board will actively support hiring qualified Indigenous staff. It is an objective of the District to hire a corresponding percentage of Indigenous staff to the Indigenous student population.

## **Policy**

The Board endorses the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal approved Employee Equity Program for teachers, support staff and management.