



It is customary for members of visiting nations to seek permission from the traditional stewards of the area and be welcomed through an opening ceremony. The protocol is based on First Nations' concepts of 'host' and 'guest.'

In keeping with this practice, acknowledgement of First Nations territory is becoming the norm at the beginning of meetings or events. It recognizes a relationship that has existed since time immemorial.

Land acknowledgements is also part of a larger process that we are undertaking, as individuals and as a School District, towards reconciliation between non-Indigenous and Indigenous Peoples.



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Land Acknowledgment Protocol Guide

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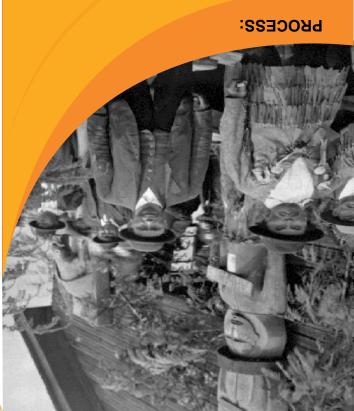
Coast Salish Peoples." of the Katzie, Semiahmoo, Kwantlen and other is on the shared, unceded traditional territory "We would like to acknowledge that our school

French wording is available

INTEGRATIONS IDEAS:

- acyool plans announcements, school websites, School newsletters, monthly
- School agenda School assemblies
- Morning announcements
- Staff Meetings, school celebrations,
- classrooms Signage in school entrance, office and events, presentations

- area. that lived and continue to live in the resources used by the First Nations
- Surrey. associated with traditional territory in "Unceded: indicates there is no treaty
- "Territory" is a broad region Nations and recognized as such. have been used by particular First reserve land, but historically would Lower Mainland is not within current "Traditional" much of the land in the
- Katzie, Semiahmoo have reserve Nations. associated with one or more First
- Surrey Schools. land that falls within the boundaries of
- boundaries. not having reserve land within the overlaps with Surrey Schools despite Kwantlen has traditional land that



people. originally from the territory would welcome people who live on that territory or are the traditional territory. Only the Indigenous Any school district staff can acknowledge

acknowledge the territory. The host of the event is the person to

honorarium to be given to this person. Welcome, it possible. This would require an the host Nation to perform an Opening or protocol to have an elder or designate from For larger, more formal events, it is proper

first item on the agenda. Acknowledgement/Welcome is usually the

recommended. action towards reconciliation is the heart, be personal, and including an An acknowledgment should be stated from