## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62 (SOOKE),

## THE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES IT SERVES and THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

We, the Aboriginal communities served by School District #62 (Sooke), acknowledge and honour the special relationship that exists between School District #62 (Sooke) and the Aboriginal children and families including First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities with whom it works. We recognize the traditional territories of the Coast Salish and Nuu-chah-nulth peoples and strive to work together for the success of all Aboriginal learners.

We, as members of the Aboriginal Education Council, recognize our collective responsibility for the success of all Aboriginal students attending school in School District #62 (Sooke) and agree to the terms of the attached "Sooke School District Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement" which will provide direction to the School District for the period April 7, 2009 to April 7, 2014

With respect and honour towards all Aboriginal peoples, we intend, with their participation and wisdom, to deliver appropriate and meaningful educational programs.

T'Sou-ke First Nation

Pacheedaht First Nation

S'cianew First Nation (Beecher Bay)

Metis Nation of B.C.

Victoria Native Friendship Centre

Ministry of Education

Søoke Principals' & Vice-Principals Assoc.

Søoke Teachers' Association

CUPE Local 459

Chair, Sooke Board of Education