

**Aboriginal Education  
Enhancement Agreement  
September 2011 – June 2016**

**Between**

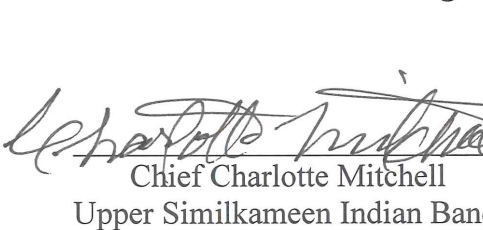
**School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)**

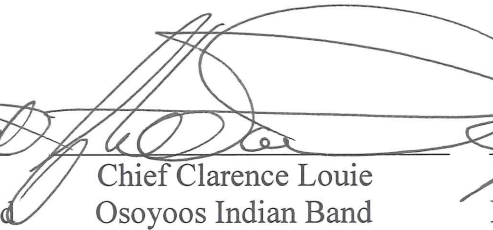
**Its Okanagan Similkameen Aboriginal Partners**


**And**

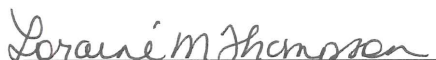
**The Ministry of Education**

We, the undersigned, recognize and honour our shared responsibilities for the success of all Aboriginal students in School District No. 53. Further, we agree that the terms of the attached Agreement will signify our collective intent to work together in a relationship of mutual respect and strength of purpose that will result in positive outcomes for all Aboriginal learners in our District.


  
Chief Charlotte Mitchell  
Upper Similkameen Indian Band


  
Chief Clarence Louie  
Osoyoos Indian Band

  
Councilor Keith Crow  
Lower Similkameen Indian Band

  
Ms. Loraine Thompson  
Parent Representatives of Students with Aboriginal Ancestry

  
Ms. Naomi Etty  
Parent Representatives of Students with Aboriginal Ancestry

  
Ms. Myrna Coates,  
Board of Education  
School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

  
Hon. John Slater  
Ministry of Education  
Province of British Columbia

*Sts-oomsts xeeh*  
*S-Ooknahkchinx*  
**OKANAGAN NATION**  
**DECLARATION**

*Xeeh koo S-Ooknahkchinx kgoolhentem xarpnah shchelhecharit  
kthlktedekmintet kgel yayart xeeh sentsoo-weepret. Oothl xalax  
xarpnah koo isoot.*

*We, the Okanagan Nation make this declaration today as a sign for every  
generation to come. Therefore, we hereby declare that:*

*Mneemhltet xeeh koo xahmaskchilowk, koo temskchiwheowh xalax te  
temwhoolahowh, xeeh toomhtemhtet.*

*We are the unconquered aboriginal peoples of this land, our mother;*

*Telh kgoolhentsooten suhidzetxet xeeh toomhtemhtet, ksnpee-  
eelshtmenhtemh, kstxetdenhtimh oothl kskgethikchihwenhtemh*

*The creator has given us our mother, to enjoy, to manage and to protect;*

*Telhs meeas gchesapth, xeeh koo xahmaskchilowh kooos queleewtx eel  
toomhtemhtet.*

*We, the first inhabitants, have lived with our mother from time immemorial:*

*Xeeh koo S-Ooknahkchinx xeeh izohchenisootentet koo xeehxeestim koo  
kgel yayart phchwiktmentem an hchastan xeeh telh toomhtemhtet.*

*Our Okanagan Governments have allowed us to share equally in the  
resources of our mother;*

*Loot penhkinh ide xeehxeestemontem xeeh stehltethtet xeeh kgel  
toomhtemhtet, xeeh telh toomhtemh an hchastantet, xeeh  
txideplahentet oothl xeeh noonenuheonahentet.*

*We have never given up our rights to our mother, our mother's resources,  
our governments and our religion;*

*Loot penhkinh koo tdeks nzespoolawahax. Peentk kstxdiplahentemh  
xeeh telh toomhtemh an hchastantet koo kgel yayart, telh xarpnah  
oothl ideswhoois.*

*We will survive and continue to govern our mother and her resources  
for the good of all for all time.*

CHIEFS AND COUNCILORS

**OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND**  
Chief - Clarence Lewis  
Councilors - Vernice McCann  
- Thomas Alon

**SEKISTOTIN INDIAN BAND**  
Chief - Adam Lewis  
Councilors - Jeanette Smith  
- Leo Orland  
- Joseph Pusey  
- Archie Judd

**UPPER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND**  
Chief - Hans Eysobler  
Councilors - Karen Halverson  
- Curie Atkinson

**LOWER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND**  
Chief - James Allen  
Councilors - Richard Terhune  
- Ralph Barn  
- Patricia Terhune

**OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND**  
Chief - Murry Alton  
Councilors - Ursula Alton  
- Johnny (Tim) Alton  
- Albert Sudderton  
- Carl Lewis  
- Matthew Bonczak  
- Kelly Bonczak  
- Herbert Surgen  
- Raymond Gregoire  
- Daniel Wilson

**WESTBANK INDIAN BAND**  
Chief - Robert Lewis  
Councilors - Harold Derksen  
- Ross Derksen  
- Fred Holmes  
- Harry McLeod  
- Walter Ambushan  
- Sharon Litchley  
- Richard McLeod