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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE AND THE MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OF CANADA**

and

**THE SECRETARIAT OF EDUCATION AND THE SECRETARIAT OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE STATE OF JALISCO OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES**

for

**ACADEMIC EXCHANGE, PROMOTION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE IN EDUCATIONAL MATTERS**

The Ministry of Education and Child Care and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training of the Province of British Columbia of Canada ("the Ministries of British Columbia") and the Secretariat of Education and the Secretariat of Innovation, Science and Technology of the State of Jalisco of the United Mexican States ("the Secretariats of Jalisco"), hereinafter referred to as "the Participants";

**BEARING IN MIND** the provisions of the Cultural Agreement between the Government of Mexico and the Government of Canada, signed on January 25th, 1976, as well as the Mexico-Canada Alliance established in 2004 and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat of Innovation, Science and Technology and the British Columbia Council for International Education, signed on October 9th, 2017.

**CONSIDERING** the strong cultural and economic ties between the Province of British Columbia and the Government of the State of Jalisco of the United Mexican States;

**DECLARING** that multicultural and multilingual education is a powerful way to promote understanding and solidarity among peoples, which contributes to the preservation of cultural identity and promotes its enrichment;

**REAFFIRMING** that the efforts of the Participants are aimed at fostering cooperation, and promoting cultural values for a better understanding between Mexican and Canadian residents;

**DESIRING** to foster a cooperative relationship between the Participants for the promotion of mutual educational exchange and to strengthen relations in education at the elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels, both in the public and private sectors;

Have reached the following understanding:

## **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish cooperation between the Participants, for the development of joint educational promotion and exchange activities.

## **2. AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Participants will analyze the viability of cooperating in the following priority areas for academic exchange:

- a) Visiting teachers
  - i. Explore opportunities for teachers to practice or study in schools and institutions in British Columbia and the State of Jalisco including professional development, study programs, and curriculum development; and
  - ii. Recognize that each Participant is responsible for establishing the professional certification requirements within their respective jurisdiction, which would have to be met by visiting teachers in order to be eligible to practice in the Province of British Columbia or in the State of Jalisco.
  
- b) Student Mobility
  - i. Promote study opportunities in schools and educational institutions in the Province of British Columbia and the State of Jalisco, and provide introductions to schools, institutions or other entities where appropriate.

- c) Quality Assurance Frameworks in Education
  - i. Explore opportunities to review the respective quality assurance frameworks to foster high-quality educational exchange processes among Participants.

### **3. PROMOTION IN EDUCATIONAL MATTERS**

The Participants intend to undertake activities for cooperation in the following areas:

- a) exchange invitations to educational exhibitions and seminars;
- b) organize reciprocal educational missions and visits;
- c) encourage familiarization visits for visiting officials and counselors from schools and institutions; and
- d) establish links to each other's websites.

### **4. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON EDUCATIONAL MATTERS**

Participants will promote the exchange of information on:

- a) educational policies and regulations, including educational quality assurance frameworks;
- b) educational exchange and bidirectional promotional activities;
- c) mutual visits; and
- d) services provided by the Participants to educational institutions, as well as possible cooperation projects.

### **5. IMPLEMENTATION**

The Participants intend to develop a work plan for the cooperation activities of this Memorandum of Understanding, containing the following information:

- a) cooperation activity to be undertaken;
- b) contact information: organization, contact name, title, email address, phone;

- c) work schedule;
- d) allocation of material, human and/or financial resources; and
- e) any other information as deemed appropriate.

## **6. COORDINATION**

To facilitate direct dialogue, the Participants intend to designate a representative for the efficient coordination and management of the activities contained in this Memorandum of Understanding and will mutually share the contact details of their respective designated representative, within three (3) months after the date of execution of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The representatives designated by the Participants may hold periodic meetings, which will be set forth in the work plan, in person or virtually, to discuss the development of the activities described in this Memorandum of Understanding and to attend to any aspect related to the interpretation or application thereof.

The designated representatives will keep the Participants informed about the results obtained from the cooperation activities carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding.

## **7. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to establish legally binding obligations between the Participants.

The Participants intend to bear the expenses arising from their own participation in the cooperation activities in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding, unless otherwise decided by both Participants in writing.

The execution of cooperation activities in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to the applicable legislation in the State of Jalisco and in the Province of British Columbia.

## **8. FINAL PROVISIONS**

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation by the Participants.

This Memorandum of Understanding is applicable as of the date of its last signature and its validity will end on December 5th, 2024, unless any of the Participants communicates in writing its decision to the other Participant to terminate their participation, by means of a written communication addressed to the other Participant, at least three (3) months in advance.

Participants may amend this Memorandum of Understanding, at any time, by mutual consent in writing.

Signed in quadruplicate in the city and on the date specified herein, in Spanish and English, both versions being equally valid.

**For the Ministry of Education and Child  
Care of the Province of British Columbia  
of Canada**

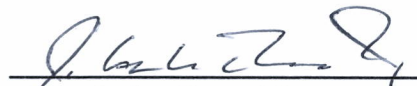


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Minister of Education and Child Care

New Westminster, British Columbia.  
June 29, 2022.

**For the Secretariat of Education of  
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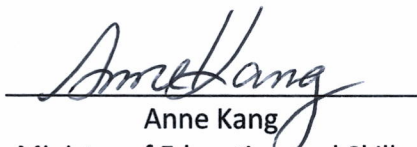


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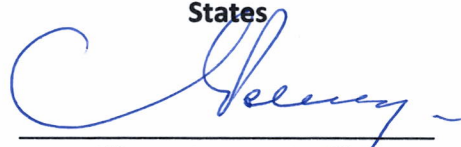


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