



**Our Mission**

To provide our students with a learning environment that engages and inspires them to reach their full potential.

April 27, 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Students in Grade 10-12:

Re: SSRSB Self-Identification Initiative, Starting May 1, 2015

Starting on May 1, 2015, the South Shore Regional School Board is encouraging all students and staff members to “self-identify” – to provide information about their ancestry and/or Aboriginal identity.

This initiative is for everyone regardless of ancestry and/or Aboriginal identity. For parents/guardians of students in Grades Primary to 9, we encourage you to fill out the attached Self-Identification form for your child(ren) and return it to your child’s school. For students in Grades 10-12, please take a few minutes to fill out your self-identification form and return it to your teacher or school office.

By providing information on ancestry and/or Aboriginal identity, you will help us better understand who our students and staff are. This will also enable us to promote diversity and student success for all students in SSRSB.

Even if you have provided self-identification information in the past, we want to ensure everyone has a chance to participate. In addition, we are now able to include more than ancestry and/or Aboriginal identity on a student record, so you may wish to update information you submitted previously.

If you have any questions about self-identification, please see the “Frequently Asked Questions” page on the back of this letter. If you have further questions, please contact your school principal.

Thank you for supporting diversity and inclusion through this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Geoff Cainen' in a cursive script.

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