

BOARD MOTION: June 21, 2021

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to oversee the creation of a Working Committee and consultation process, as outlined in Bylaw 9210, to prepare a draft Compost and Waste policy proposal which is in alignment with our environmental values and goals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As we continue to acknowledge the climate emergency and the need to take action and make changes to the current unsustainable norms practised across the District and within our greater family community. As a system and as role models to our youth we must ensure that our practises and learning opportunities for students are in alignment with each other and with our values as a District.

As a District we have repeatedly expressed our commitment and support for addressing the climate emergency and composting is vital in nourishing our soil for future harvests and in reducing harmful methane gases. Additionally, composting provides rich learning opportunities for students while also modelling sustainable practises, building good stewardship and social responsibility traits in our students and communities.

While the District in the past has implemented composting opportunities in our schools the program has experienced several challenges. We wish to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Soqighees Nations.

