

**Elementary Teacher Employment Opportunity**  
**August 2023 - June 2024**  
**Education Department – FULL TIME FIXED TERM**



The Ditidaht First Nation is pleased to offer a fixed term, full time employment opportunity for an **Elementary Teacher** with the Ditidaht Community School from August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There are currently two openings.

The Ditidaht Community School is located on the traditional territory of the Ditidaht First Nation at Nitinaht Lake: a semi-remote community accessible by logging roads, one and a half hours by gravel road from Port Alberni and one hour by gravel road from Lake Cowichan on beautiful Vancouver Island.

Ditidaht Community School offers Elementary and Secondary Education, with a vision of weaving together traditional and current educational practices, to provide our children with the skills and abilities for any future of their choosing. To support this vision Ditidaht First Nation is one of seven BC nations that will have Jurisdiction over its on-reserve education.

There are 54 students registered at Ditidaht Community School in Kindergarten - Grade 12.

Ditidaht First Nation offers teacher wages comparable to the local school districts, a benefits package, moving allowance and subsidized housing.

Applicants are invited to email a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references to Len Merriman, Education Director, at [educationdirector@ditidaht.ca](mailto:educationdirector@ditidaht.ca) by 4:00PM on Friday July 21st.

#### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

- Valid BC Professional Teaching Certificate and a member in good standing or ability to become certified with the BC Teacher's Regulation Branch
- Or be able to be certified by the First Nations Education Authority
- Experience teaching a variety of subject areas is an asset
- Experience teaching in multi-grade classrooms is an asset
- Experience living in a semi-remote or remote environment recommended
- Experience developing and maintaining yearly, monthly, weekly and daily instructional plans
- Valid standard first aid and CPR certificate is an asset
- Clean criminal record check required

#### **ABOUT THE DITIDAHT FIRST NATION**

Ditidaht's unceded traditional territory is quite large. It stretches inland past Lake Cowichan and outlines Nitinaht Lake itself, including lands beyond the lake, and it extends to the coast,

between Bonilla Point and Pachena Point. Ditidaht traditional territories also include important resources, such as underground water stores known as aquifers, tributary rivers and streams, and significant ocean ranges that are utilized to provide the nation with halibut, cod and various salmon species. Ditidaht has a registered member population of 775 members, with 250 people living in the local community of Balaats'adt, more commonly known as Nitinaht Lake, B.C.

Current Ditidaht membership is comprised of at least 10 small villages that were along the coast within Ditidaht traditional territory. Significant villages or regions typically had a hereditary chief and traditional governance system, which was in place until colonialism reached the west coast. Ditidaht people speak a distinct language.

*Thank you for your interest in this position, only those short listed will be contacted further.*