



Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese

Office of the Superintendent

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: CISVA
FROM: Deacon Henk Luyten, Superintendent, on behalf of Board of Directors
DATE: October 26, 2022
TOPIC: Appointment of Interim Indigenous Educational Consultant

The Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms. Alexis Grace** as an Interim Indigenous Educational Consultant, effective November 1, 2022. In this role, Ms. Grace will provide part time support to both the Superintendent's Office and CISVA schools in developing strategic pathways to build relationships with and understanding of Indigenous communities and Indigenous ways of learning.

Ms. Grace currently serves as the Director of Community Health and Wellness Service Supports for the First Nations Health Authority. She also is the current Elected Tribal Chief for the Sto:lo Tribal Council Communities and elected Councillor for Seabird Island. She has held a role in First Nation Community leadership for 15 years. Ms. Grace has dedicated her life and career to the service of First Nations people; be it in an elected role, her professional career, or her faith community. *"I vision an opportunity to discuss truth and history and align very similar world views, philosophies and foundational principles".*

Ms. Grace is completing her PhD through John Hopkins University in Public Health. Her family are active parishioners at Immaculate Conception at Seabird Island. She and her husband Jay Hope have two children both of whom attend Catholic schools in Abbotsford.

The CISVA community welcomes Ms. Grace to her new position.