

# Saanich Schools

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## AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE SAANICH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN A DAY OF CONVERSATION AND DISCOVERY

The Board of Education of the Saanich School District is pleased to offer you or your representative an opportunity to participate in an exciting process that we are launching in January. Building on the success of Strategic Plan 2012-2016, we are initiating a **visioning and planning process using the principles of appreciative inquiry**. This process is based on discovering and celebrating our strengths as we plan for our future.

This is very important work for our district and our communities. Having been guided by our values, beliefs and priorities for programs and services through the existing Strategic Plan, it is time to re-define our preferred future. We will do this through a combination of forums, action research and surveys designed to fulfill three key goals:

- To gather information for district planning purposes.
- To build collaboration and relationships with staff, students and the community.
- To involve participants as action researchers.

The forums, supported by Peter Norman (project consultant), will be held at the Saanich Fairgrounds, 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Saanichton, and will be attended by over 100 people including students, teachers, support staff, administrators, district personnel and community partners.

**We are asking that you consider attending, or sending a designate, to the following forums:**

**Thursday, January 14, 2016, 8:30am to 3:00pm**  
**- *Conversation and Discovery***

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 8:30am to 3:00pm**  
**- *Synthesis and Direction***

Please respond before Wednesday, January 6 by contacting Leigh Glancie at 652-7332 or by email at [lglancie@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:lglancie@sd63.bc.ca).

Sincerely,



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