2026 CISPG Annual General Meeting
President's Report
October 20, 2026

1. At last year's Annual General Meeting, I reported that we were in communication with the School Sisters of Notre Dame in their African Province, which includes members working in five countries on that continent. The superiors were receptive to the idea of sending sisters to work in our schools.

   The superintendent canvassed our eight schools to gauge the interest in receiving sisters and two schools submitted proposals: Annunciation School in Prince Rupert and St. Anthony's School in Kitimat. With the assistance of an immigration lawyer, the SSND congregation obtained visas for two sisters who are now working in those two schools.

   As with all foreign-trained teachers, their qualifications were not immediately recognized by the BC Teacher Regulation Branch, the government authority responsible for accreditation. The superintendent has worked with other immigrant teachers to obtain BC certification in the past and will assist the sisters in the process, too.

   As their qualifications have not yet been recognized, the sisters cannot assume classroom teaching positions but can work as EAs and pastoral workers in the schools, supporting teachers, students and families. Welcome, Sr. Petronilla and Sister Angela. We hope they will be joined by other members of their congregation to share in the apostolate of Catholic Education in our schools.

2. In September 2025, the diocese signed a "Scholarship Agreement" with St. Mark's College in Vancouver, the theological college affiliated with the University of British Columbia. The agreement stipulates that the diocese and the college will contribute annually towards a scholarship fund for CISPG teachers that provides full tuition funding for three foundational courses towards a degree in theology or ministry. This year, two teachers have accessed the scholarship.

3. In the past year, the Board did not establish any new policy or revise any existing one.