



School District of Bayfield

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Boozhoo/Hello Troller Families,

As the district reaches the midpoint of the 2023-24 school year, planning is underway for the 2024-25 school year. In partnership with the Red Cliff Tribe the School District of Bayfield has been working on efforts to begin an Ojibwe Language Immersion program. This means that the district would add an option for students to receive all of their instruction in the Ojibwe language; all subjects, all communication between students and teachers would be in the Ojibwe language.

The program would begin with one classroom. With the results of the survey– that we encourage you to complete–in addition to a series of community listening sessions that will be scheduled for this winter, and Ojibwe immersion teacher availability, **will determine at what grade level the district will begin offering the Ojibwe language immersion program.**

Your voice and input matters! We appreciate you taking the time to complete The Ojibwemowin Immersion Program Survey that you can find as an attachment to this email. This is an anonymous survey, we will have no way of knowing who is completing the survey unless you share your contact information with us. Please stay tuned for more information about dates, times and locations to learn more about Language Immersion Programming.

This is an exciting time for the School District of Bayfield! We are grateful for the partnership we have with the Red Cliff Tribe in working together to realize learning opportunities for our students.

Miigwech/thank you for your partnership with us and we look forward to receiving your survey.

Respectfully,

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