



February 12, 2026

### **Statement of Support for Tumbler Ridge**

Our hearts and thoughts are with the entire community of Tumbler Ridge as they navigate the profound grief following the tragic events that unfolded this week.

As a fellow BC school district, we stand in deep solidarity with the students, families, educators, administrators, first responders, and all community members who are grieving, healing, and supporting one another through unimaginable loss. The strength and resilience shown by the Tumbler Ridge community—supported by local emergency services and provincial resources—reflect the compassion and unity that define our province. We extend our deepest condolences to all who have been affected.

We recognize that the impact of devastating events like this is felt deeply by students, staff, and families. During this time, we reaffirm our collective commitment to fostering safe, caring, and supportive school environments. We are here to stand beside our students and our school communities as they process this tragedy. A list of tips and resources has been sent to families for consideration in support of our children and youth as they navigate through these times. Please reach out to your school principal should you feel additional supports are required.

To the people of Tumbler Ridge: you are not alone. We hold you in our thoughts, stand with you in your grief, and support you in hope for the days and weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

The Board of Education, Cowichan Valley School District

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cathy Schmidt", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Cathy Schmidt  
Board Chair