



November 29, 2016

Re: Smudging Ceremonies

To Whom it May Concern:

In keeping with our Chinook's Edge mission of providing quality learning environments for every student in our care, our school leaders may choose to host a smudging ceremony as a way to introduce students and staff to some of the culture and practices of the local Indigenous community.

The smudging ceremony is a custom of Native American and other Indigenous cultures, whose people have used smudging for purification purposes. By introducing the cultural practice of smudging, we are providing an opportunity to learn more about the Native American Indigenous culture.

A smudging ceremony is conducted by burning dried sage or sweetgrass, and takes place outside of the school or facility whenever possible. This is always an optional learning activity for our students and staff, and they can remove themselves from the activity as they feel necessary.

Thank you,  
Chinook's Edge Learning Services Team

**Mission:**

Chinook's Edge School Division will engage every student in meaningful learning by challenging, encouraging and believing in them.

**Vision:**

Chinook's Edge School Division will be universally recognized as a collaborative learning community where learning is personalized for all students to achieve success as compassionate and innovative global citizens.