

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
PRESENTATIONS AT THE BOARD MEETING
November 10, 2008



Secondary School Completion - Update

The dogwood completion rate in School District No. 67 continues to remain steady at approximately 84%. Seven years ago, our district was 24th out of 60 school districts in dogwood completion rates (grade 8 students who graduate within six years). Today, SD67 is consistently in the top ten for the province. In addition, the completion rate for aboriginal students in SD67 increased significantly from a low of 26% (in 2000) to 60% (in 2006).

Staff members at each of the secondary schools are actively pursuing the goal of improving school completion. Principals and teachers from the three secondary schools provided a brief overview of some of their current initiatives including Assessments, School Climate, and Transition Support at Princess Margaret Secondary; Developing Relationships, Grading Practises, and Discipline Literacy at Penticton Secondary; and Grade-wide Teacher Meetings, Helping Action Community Meetings, and the Bridge Program at Summerland Secondary.

Following a number of questions, trustees expressed appreciation to the teachers for their presentation and for their commitment towards improving the graduation rates.



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