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BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association 2025 BCPVPA Partnership Awards Celebrate Community Support of BC Schools and Students

(VANCOUVER, BC) Wednesday November 26, 2025 – Through the 2025 Partnership Awards, the BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association (BCPVPA) is celebrating five exceptional recipients who support learning opportunities and create welcoming environments for students in BC public schools.

This year, we honour an individual who is tireless in sharing her culture and knowledge with children in her community; a village government that models the collective responsibility between leadership, families, and school staff in nurturing the learning of children and youth; first responders who go beyond their role to ensure that students can focus on learning rather than hunger; a foundation that has become a cornerstone partner in public education in their community; and a newcomer-founded non-profit that has turned the issue of wasted food into full pantries for local schools and families.

The 2025 recipients were honoured on Friday November 21 in a ceremony at the JW Marriott Parq Vancouver Hotel, on the traditional and unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples.

"Our Partnership Awards recognize the unwavering commitment of the recipients and the importance of their contributions," says BCPVPA President, Dr. Shannon Behan. "Even beyond that, celebrating the Awards helps the BCPVPA to illuminate what is taking place in BC schools everywhere in the province, every day. School communities benefit from the actions and generosity of many dedicated individuals, organizations, and businesses who are quietly making a difference, and who are truly committed to helping students in their communities to succeed and to thrive. On behalf of our members all across the province, we feel that is worth celebrating!"

For more than two decades, the BCPVPA has presented the Partnership Awards in recognition of the time and expertise that local citizens dedicate to supporting BC students and schools. Nominations are submitted by the BCPVPA's sixty Chapters that provide professional support to Principals and Vice-Principals across the province.

The 2025 BCPVPA Partnership Awards recipients share what the recognition means to them:

Delta Firefighters Healthy Snack Program, nominated by the Delta Chapter (School District No. 37)

"We are honored to be recognized for our successful partnership with the Delta schools. As firefighters we have given a commitment to our community, both on and off the job. When we identified an emerging trend of food insecurity, we found a way to step in and do something about it. From the administration right down to the Child and Youth Care workers, we have had the full support from everyone in the school district."

Food Link, nominated by the North Vancouver Chapter (School District No. 44)

"We are deeply honored to receive the 2025 BCPVPA Partnership Award. Supporting local schools is at the heart of our mission because every child deserves to learn, grow, and dream without hunger. By rescuing surplus food and turning it into fresh, nutritious meals for students and families, we help create stronger, healthier school communities where kids come first and food waste becomes part of the solution, not the problem."

Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation, nominated by the Nanaimo Ladysmith Chapter (School District No. 68)

"Being recognized with the 2025 BCPVPA Partnership Award is an incredible honour. At the Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation, we understand how meaningful support can help students reach their potential. It's a privilege to work alongside dedicated educators and community partners who share our belief that every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive regardless of their circumstances. This award celebrates our shared commitment to ensuring every student has what they need to succeed."

Lorna Azak, nominated by the Nisga'a Chapter (School District No. 92)

"This has been a surprise to be selected as a recipient of the BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association award of 2025. I'm very honoured to be recognized as I'm not one to be out in front, I'm the behind the scenes person. To be awarded for something I love to do, working with teachers and children, is not something I ever dreamt of."

Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government, nominated by the Nisga'a Chapter (School District No. 92)

"New Aiyansh is one of four communities within our School District 92 (Nisga'a) located in Northern BC. We continue to work with our District for health, safety and continued support for our children's education both academically and culturally. We are very pleased to receive this award on behalf of our community."

Visit our website www.bcpvpa.org/about-bcpvpa/bcpvpa-partnership-awards for more information.

Photographs of the recipients at the 2025 BCPVPA Partnership Awards ceremony are available upon request, please contact sandra@bcpvpa.bc.ca

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The BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association is a voluntary professional association representing more than 2,700 educational leaders in BC's 60 public school districts. The BCPVPA provides its members with the professional services and support they need to provide exemplary leadership in public education.

The BCPVPA Partnership Awards are presented annually to groups and individuals who have, over an extended period, shared their time, energy, and expertise to support BC public schools and students. The Awards are an opportunity for BC Principals and Vice-Principals in local Chapters to nominate a group, organization, or individual who has had a positive impact on the local community and has offered ongoing, valuable support over the years. Up to six awards are presented each year, and recipients receive a beautiful, framed print by Haida Gwaii artist Bill Bedard, depicting an owl for wisdom, and an eagle for focus, strength, and leadership.

For more information on the BCPVPA, or to speak with BCPVPA President Dr. Shannon Behan and hear the stories of Principals and Vice-Principals in BC, please contact:

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