

Request for Proposals

School Name: Walnut Grove Secondary



School Contact Information:

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School Context: Walnut Grove is a large school (2000+ students) located in Langley BC on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Kwantlen and Katzie First Nations. We have a very diverse offering of programs, and a strong Arts Education department. Recently, we have begun the process of reimagining our Theatre/Café space with the intention of transforming it into a multi-use space which can be used for a variety of presentations from Concerts and Performances to guest speakers, Awards celebrations and District meetings and opportunities for students and the community to have a space to share their stories.

The Project:

Over the past few years, and while Chad was working on his Graduate Diploma in MakerSpace, he was drawn to the question: “What is your Story?”. Connecting to this question, our vision is to create a space where students and the community can find a place to revisit and share their stories and learn from the stories of others. A place of connection and a place where we give space to our peers; a place where we can connect with each other and build community. As part of this vision and to build connections with the local land-based First Nations the school resides upon, we are seeking a variety of art forms (Formline art, sculpture etc) that will be displayed in our newly developed multipurpose space. Our intention is to create a focal point for our school in which future gatherings will honour the Indigenous peoples of this area and share their stories. The redeveloped space will house performances, presentations, ceremonies, guest speakers, art shows, meetings and conferences and more. We have a Kwantlen artist on staff who has developed several working ideas for artwork for a portion of the space. Our hope is to involve a process of collaboration between the artists to create a more cohesive design for the space. If you have specific questions about this collaborative opportunity, please contact Jeff Dickson at jdickson@sd35.bc.ca.

Potential Artwork for West Wall:



Please note that at this time, we are only putting this RFP out to artists from Katzie FN as our hope is to have artwork from the two local land-based Nations our school resides upon.

Instruction For Bidders:

Please include the following in the project proposal:

- *Contact Information* – Include Artist’s name, address, phone number and email address (if others may be contributing to the project, please include their names)
- *Background and Qualifications* – A resume or portfolio of similar works completed by the artist(s) including digital links and/or scans if applicable
- *Conceptual outline of the proposed artwork* – please include a brief description of the story/inspiration/meaning behind the design and the connection to the project
- *Estimated Budget* - include final costs

Selection Process: Submissions will be evaluated by the Arts Education Department and our school Admin.

Term of Contract/Delivery Date: March 30, 2025

Submission of Proposal: chendricks@sd35.bc.ca or jlyndon@sd35.bc.ca

Proposal Submission Date: We would like to have all submissions by November 15, 2024, with the intention of moving forward with the selected artist in Early December 2024.