TEACHING IN THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR
Independent/Public School Debate

- Keep an open mind…

It IS all about the kids…
(public or independent)
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Independent Schools: Some facts

- In 2015-2016: 635,037 students in all BC schools; 81,659 students attend BC independent schools.
- There are 350 independent schools of which 297 are FISA independent schools.
- 13% of BC children attend independent schools.
- Only 6% of the Ministry’s budget is allocated to independent schools - for operating costs only.
- Ministry Grants: Group 1 = 50%; Group 2 = 35%
Why Independent schools?

- Offer families and students **CHOICE**
- Almost 60% of FISA schools have a **religious affiliation**
- Selection of chosen **educational philosophy** – e.g. Waldorf, Montessori, IB
- Choice of **local opportunities**: special educational needs, extra-curricular, global initiatives, leadership and service learning, special needs, class size, university preparatory education
The ISABC

- A family of 24 university preparatory schools with the tradition of providing outstanding learning opportunities in BC, Canada and beyond (16 mainland, 7 island, 1 Kelowna) - Unity in Diversity

- Commitment to excellence, innovation, collaboration and opportunity

- Distinctive for exceptional opportunity including academic results and graduation to university, extensive co-curricular activities, Pro-D, service learning, global citizenship, special needs
# ISABC Schools

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What can you expect from an ISABC School?

- Students are motivated
- Parents are very committed and involved
- Very well resourced
- Small class sizes
- Exceptional range of extra-curricular activities
- Extensive support for special needs
- Technology rich
- Rigorous academic programmes - IB or AP
- Support for newly qualified teachers
- Extensive professional development
What is the remuneration?

- Longer holidays (8, 2 & 2 weeks with mid-term breaks)
- Pension scheme – RRSP
- Extended medical care
- Competitive salaries – mostly pegged above the public sector
- Pleasant campuses and classrooms
Expectations

- Parental communication and involvement
- Extra-curricular commitments
- Extended reporting – written comments 3-4 times a year
- Extensive engagement with students
How do you apply for an ISABC School?

It’s simple…

- Educationcanada.com
- CAIS
- www.isabc.ca
- www.fisa.ca to see Associations and schools

Go to Employment tab

Apply directly to individual schools
Try us out – Community Field Experience

- **3 week practicum** – Secondary: April 24 – May 12; Elementary: June 5-23, 2016

- **Customized individual school experience** including: whole class teaching; team-teaching; development of curriculum materials; support with lab work; observations; tutoring with small groups; leading lesson; field experiences; camping and canoeing trips

- **IB placements** (10/23 schools) will enable exploration of inquiry-based learning; the learner profile; cross-curricular teaching; critical thinking; global learning
Who should apply for Independent Schools?

- BC certified teachers
- The best teachers – there are no other barriers
- YOU!
Excellence  Opportunity
Innovation   Collaboration