



PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN SMUDGING AT SCHOOL

Lincoln Middle School

April 10, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Your child may be invited to participate in smudging at school throughout the school year.

As an inclusive and culturally responsive school, we are welcoming all students to learn about First Nation, Métis, and Inuit traditions.

Smudging is an Indigenous tradition that involves the burning of traditional medicines. Smudging allows people to become mindful and centered, better able to hear, see, think, speak, and act in a good way. Participation is always voluntary. It is done in a designated area on school grounds and is approved by the Division's Workplace Health and Safety Officer to ensure that there is proper ventilation. More information about smudging is available by contacting the school.

To participate in smudging, this consent form must be completed and returned to the classroom teacher.

**Please sign and return the bottom portion of this form.

I grant _____ permission to: (Student's Name)

- checkbox participate in smudging at the school.
checkbox only observe smudging at school.
checkbox leave the room during the smudging event.

Comment(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name: _____

Signature: _____ Contact #(s): _____

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