



Oshki Ogimaag Community School



March 21, 2024

Dear Oshki Ogimaag Community School Families and Community Partners,

The OOCS Board of Directors in collaboration with OOCS Staff and partnership with OOCS families, is engaged in a Strategic Planning process. OOCS is restructuring to better support the academic and social emotional needs of students, increase communication, partnership and support to families, connect and collaborate more with community members, and more closely align our practices with the mission and vision of OOCS. Effective March 20, 2024, Carmen Keyport resigned from her position as Executive Director of OOCS. We are proud to announce that Cherie James, our Ojibwe Language and Culture Instructor, has accepted the position of Interim Director. Ms. James brings over 30 years of experience as a licensed teacher and educator to this role, is an enrolled Grand Portage Band Member with deep roots in the Grand Portage community, and has the full support of OOCS Staff and Board of Directors. Ms. James will have dual roles, continuing her role as our Ojibwe Language and Culture Instructor in addition to her position of Interim Director. There will be no disruption or changes to current daily schedules or calendar.

In coming weeks and months, OOCS will be seeking feedback from OOCS families and the Grand Portage community as to how our school can best serve and support the community. Our Team is dedicated to serving our students and the mission of OOCS. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. James (cjames@oshkiogimaag.org) or a Board Member. Ms. Tina (tgatzke@oshkiogimaag.org) and Ms. Jeana (jvandyne@oshkiogimaag.org) are newly appointed Educator Board Members (all other Board members are listed on our website).

Chi-miigwech for your continued support and partnership as we navigate pathways towards positive change.

Sincerely,

The Oshki Ogimaag Community School Team

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