Sitka School District School Board Tlingit Land Acknowledgement
Recommendations from the STA Cultural Resource Committee

The STA Cultural Resource Committee is recommending the following three Tlingit Land Acknowledgements to the SSD School Board for use at their meetings. School Board members may use any of the following three Tlingit Land Acknowledgements or may work with STA CRC to develop alternate acknowledgments for use.

Land Acknowledgement #1 (Drafted by CRC Tlingit Land Acknowledgement Subcommittee)

The Sitka School Board acknowledges that our schools are located on the ancestral homelands of the Tlingit people who have lived in Shee'ka since time immemorial. We express our deepest respect and gratitude for our indigenous neighbors, the Tlingit for their enduring care and protection of Tlingit Aani.

Land Acknowledgement #2 (Drafted by CRC Tlingit Land Acknowledgement Subcommittee)

We respect and honor Tlingit elders, past, present, and future. We acknowledge the stories, traditions, and living culture of Tlingit people from this land and commit to building a brighter future together.

Land Acknowledgement #3 (Based on Haa Tóoch Lichéesh and JSD Draft, Modified by CRC Tlingit Land Acknowledgement Subcommittee)

We reside on the unceded territories of the Shee’ká Kwáan, on what is currently known as Sitka, Alaska. We acknowledge that Lingít (Tlingit) Peoples have been stewards of this land since time immemorial and we are grateful for that stewardship, care, and knowledge. We recognize the series of unjust actions that attempted to remove them from their land, which includes forced relocations and the burning of villages. We honor the relationships that exist between Lingít (Tlingit) Peoples, their lands, their ancestors, and future generations. We aspire to work toward healing and liberation, recognizing our paths are intertwined in the complex histories of colonization in Alaska. We acknowledge that we arrived here by listening to the peoples/elders/lessons from the past and these stories carry us as we weave a healthier world for future generations.