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Hope, BC—May 6, 2015—In partnership with Valley Youth Partnership for Engagement and Respect (VYPER), Read Right Society has launched iHomework; a new after school homework program for local high school students.

Read Right Society worked with VYPER and local youth to identify what types of programs local youth want in our community, and the overwhelming response was the need for a place for youth to go after school for homework supports.

“Youth kept telling us they need a safe place to go after school to do their homework and get support,” said Jodi McBride, Read Right Society Executive Director. “So we went to Hope Secondary and TREC [Two Rivers Education Centre] with surveys to find out what the youth wanted in a homework club.”

Over 60 youth participated in the surveys that asked questions such as: What services are available for help with homework; do you use them? Why/why not?; Would you use homework support at Read Right Society? Do you want an adult or youth tutor available to help?

“The surveys confirmed the desire and need for a homework club outside of schools, with 40 participants saying they would use the homework club,” McBride said. “So we invited the youth to develop what the new homework club would look like. Eleven youth worked hard to identify what they wanted in a homework club, and developed a mission and vision.”

The youth vision is to “provide an environment that is friendly and comfortable for students to come and receive homework help without judgement, bullying or being made feel stupid.”

In March 2015, Read Right Society received funding through VYPER to put action behind the youth’s vision.

iHomework is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00-5:30pm and youth have access to tutors, computers, supplies and healthy snacks. Additionally, youth who live in Silver Creek or the outskirts of town and lack transportation, will be given rides home.

“We are providing a safe, comfortable place for youth to come hang out after school, do their homework and get help when the need it,” said Larissa Dyble, Read Right Society’s Literacy Facilitator.

iHomework is held Mondays and Wednesday from 3:00-5:30pm at the Society's Lounge; Unit F 895 3rd Ave. For more information, contact Larissa Dyble: 604-869-1363 or larissa@readrightsociety.com

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