



# Administrative Procedure: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

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## 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The Superior North Catholic District School Board is committed to deliver programs and services that meet the needs of all students. It is the policy of the Superior North Catholic District School Board to seek advice on meeting the unique needs of the students, through a Christ-centred approach to education. The Superior North Catholic District School Board will seek the advice of the Indigenous Community through the establishment of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC).

## 2.0 Committee Membership

- 2.1 The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee is established by the resolution of the Superior North Catholic District School Board.
- 2.2 The committee should be comprised of the following:

- 2.2.1 A Principal.
- 2.2.2 Two Trustees, one of whom shall be the appointed Indigenous Representative.
- 2.2.3 A Representative from each of the First Nations with whom the Board has an Education Service Agreement.
- 2.2.4 A representative from Inuit and Métis groups where possible, in order to support the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Framework Policy (2007).
- 2.2.5 Representatives from local community organizations that supports Indigenous education.
- 2.2.6 A teacher, preferably a Native Language and Culture Teacher.
- 2.2.7 The Board's Indigenous Education Lead.
- 2.2.8 Director or designate.
- 2.2.9 Representatives who are Parents and/or Guardians to Superior North Catholic District School Board students.

### 3.0 Mandate

- 3.1 The mandate of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee is to advise the Board on matters relating to the education of Indigenous students.
- 3.2 The mandate includes:
  - 3.2.1 To increase awareness, knowledge and understanding of Indigenous culture, history, contributions, and perspectives as outlined in the *Ontario First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework* (Ministry of Education, 2007), the *Implementation Plan - Ontario First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework* (2014) and the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action* (2015) for all students, personnel and Trustees of the Board, which will serve as guiding reference tools for IEAC.
  - 3.2.2 To build and strengthen meaningful partnerships between Superior North Catholic District School Board and our Indigenous communities and organizations that support Indigenous students and their families.

- 3.2.3 To expand the awareness of effective programming that meets the educational needs of Indigenous students and will improve their academic outcomes and wellbeing.
- 3.2.4 To educate and promote Indigenous Self-Identification - to support high levels of achievement for Indigenous students, to provide opportunities for self-identified students to access programming to meet their needs and to develop new programs relevant to Indigenous population.
- 3.2.5 To respond to the Board on requests for advice and the recommendations on matters that the Board may direct to the committee.
- 3.2.6 To identify community issues that impact Indigenous students.
- 3.2.7 To respond to other initiatives as they arise.

### 4.0 Guidelines

- 4.1 The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee will strive to hold a minimum of four meetings, in a school year.
- 4.2 If there is insufficient participation or attendance by Indigenous representatives at a meeting, that meeting may be rescheduled or cancelled.
- 4.3 Members of the committee will serve for a term of one (1) year, with the option of renewing.
- 4.4 To facilitate and maximize parent involvement, consultation with parents may be initiated at the First Nation Community by the Indigenous Lead, or other appropriate Board personnel (eg. Principal of the local school). This will be reported back to the committee.
- 4.5 The IEAC will be chaired by a rotating member of the committee on a bi-annual basis. If none is selected, then by default the Superintendent, Lead or Director/Designate shall serve as chair.
- 4.6 Attendance by interactive technology will be accommodated.

## 5.0 Expenses

- 5.1 The Superior North Catholic District School Board shall reimburse Indigenous Education Advisory Committee members for expenses incurred in carrying out their committee responsibilities as per Board Policy P-F 405 and Administrative Procedure AP-F 405.