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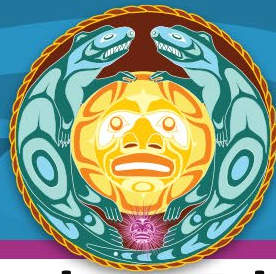
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First Nations Post-Secondary Education

The Review Process

2017 Federal Budget announced \$90 million over two years, beginning in 2017-2018, to the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP), as well as a comprehensive and collaborative review with Indigenous partners of all current federal programs that support Indigenous students who wish to pursue a post-secondary education.

- In 2017, **AFN Resolution 14/2017**, *Post-Secondary Education Federal Review*, called on the federal government to ensure the federal post-secondary review will have a First Nations specific review and directed the Chiefs Committee on Education to lead the First Nations portion of the federal post-secondary review, with support from the National Indian Education Council.
- In **Winter 2017/2018**, the First Nations Post-Secondary Education Review Group met to discuss First Nations Post-Secondary Education (PSE) and developed *The First Nations Post-Secondary Education 2018 Interim Report*.

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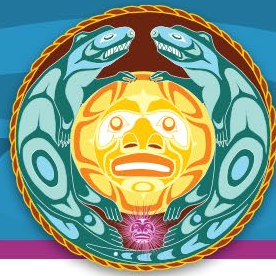
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Associated Publications

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- *First Nations Post-Secondary Education Review 2018 Interim Report*
- *PSE Fact Sheet 2018*
- *PSE Institutes Costing Report 2018*
- *First Nations Post-Secondary Education Review Video*



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Mandate

2018 Annual General Assembly, **AFN Resolution 29/2018** included the following:

1. Accept the AFN Post-Secondary Education Review 2018 Interim Report.
2. Called on the federal government to extend and expand funding commitments to fully support First Nations post-secondary education.
3. Directed the AFN, Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE) and National Indian Education Council (NIEC) to work in partnership with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to develop an honourable, joint process that supports existing regional models and the development of regional processes and new models to seek a new policy authority for post-secondary education.

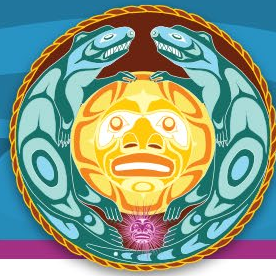


First Nations Post-Secondary Education Mandates

September and October 2018: First Nations representatives from the NIEC, AFN Education Sector and ISC met weekly to jointly develop the *First Nations Post-Secondary Education Draft Policy Proposal*.

This proposal aligns with the principle of First Nations Control of First Nations Education, and the following AFN Resolutions:

- **AFN Resolution 36/2016**, *Inherent and Treaty Right to Post-Secondary Education*
- **AFN Resolution 40/2016**, *Call on Canada to address the backlog of eligible First Nation post-secondary students*
- **AFN Resolution 94/2016**, *Changes to the Post-Secondary Students National Policy Guidelines*
- **AFN Resolution 122/2016**, *Post-Secondary Education*
- **AFN Resolution 14/2017**, *Post-Secondary Education Federal Review*
- **AFN Resolution 29/2018**, *First Nations Post-Secondary Education Review Report and Recommendations*



First Nations Post-Secondary Education

Draft Policy Proposal – Two Part Approach

1. Implementing immediate new investments and Modernizing Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) and Post-Secondary Partnership Program (PSPP) in 2019-2020.
2. Supporting the development of First Nations-led Treaty-based and/or regional-based processes to co-develop models that will best support First Nations post-secondary education, inclusive of preparation, through a three year \$15.5M investment, starting in 2019-2020.

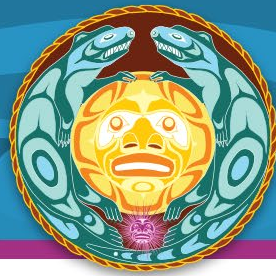


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Draft Policy Proposal

First Nations proposed approach includes:

1. Immediate investments for students beginning 2019-2020 (additional to current funding and on-going):
 - A. \$45M (continuing annually, the two-year investment in PSSSP announced in Budget 2017).
 - B. \$210.4M PSSSP top-up to commensurate with the real costs for currently funded students.
 - C. \$102.4M PSSSP top-up to commensurate with the real costs for current unfunded students.



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Immediate Investments for First Nations established Institutions and Community-Based Programming

D. \$62.1M immediate investment to be used for First Nations directed support for First Nations established institutions and for community-based programming.

Immediate Investments for Upgrading and Completing

E. \$124.5.M transitional funding for secondary upgrading and/or completion, in order for First Nations students to be prepared for post-secondary education.

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Three Year Total Budget (2019-2022)

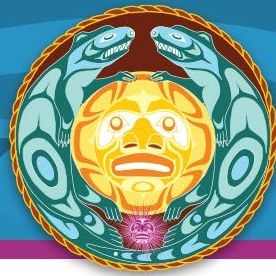
Student Supports: \$1,073.0M

First Nations Institutes: \$ 186.3M

Transitional Funding: \$ 513.0M

Regional Engagement: \$ 15.5M

Total Budget: \$1,788.5M



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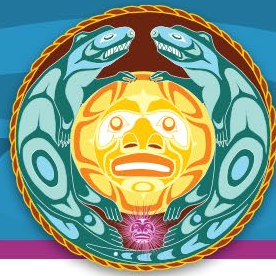
Long sought after changes to PSSSP and PSPP in 2019-2020

- Problematic PSSSP program restrictions (student eligibility, residency clause, eligible expenditures, etc.) will be removed.
- PSPP will be modified to be a First Nations directed and First Nations only, regionally delivered program that supports First Nations established post-secondary education institutions and First Nations directed community-based programming.



First Nations Post-Secondary Education Draft Policy Proposal

2. **First Nations-led Treaty based and /or regional based processes to co-develop models that will best support First Nations post-secondary education (\$15.5M investment, starting in 2019-2020)**
 - A. The funding to support the model development will support a range of activity including: exploratory discussions, engagement, partnership tables, and model design.
 - B. These partnership tables will be led by First Nations.
 - C. First Nations will be able to identify their specific needs for: *Student Supports, Community Support Services, First Nations established institutes, Community-based programming, Governance and Leadership capacity*, and the costs associated.
 - D. These models, once created, will be First Nations directed and managed in line with First Nations Control of First Nations Education.



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Limitations

- This is a policy proposal with accompanied budgetary advocacy. These funds have not been secured.
- All funds referenced in this presentation, if secured, are in addition to current funding levels.
- The AFN and First Nations will continue to highlight the outstanding need for post-secondary education to move First Nations priorities forward.
- Any new investments will come with the release of the 2019 Federal Budget.



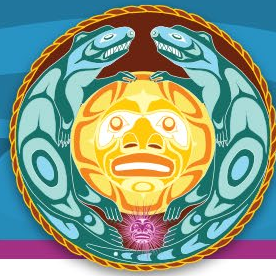
First Nations Post-Secondary Education Resolution

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Reaffirm First Nations' inherent and Treaty Rights to education.
2. Reaffirm that jurisdiction over First Nations education remains with each First Nation.
3. Support the recommended First Nations PSE draft policy proposal as represented in the Policy Proposal (v5) to be presented to Cabinet as the First Nations submission through ISC's Memorandum to Cabinet.
 - a) Calls on the federal government to provide immediate investments to address the backlog of First Nations PSE students, support First Nations established institutes, and provide transitional funding for upgrading and completion in order to pursue PSE.
 - b) Seeks long-sought after changes to current PSE programs, Post-Secondary Student Support Programs (PSSSP) and Post-Secondary Partnership Program (PSPP).
 - c) Proposes Treaty-based, self-government based and/or regional process for First Nations to co-develop PSE models in partnership with the federal government.

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