

DRAFT JOINT AFN – INAC

UNIQUE NEEDS OF NORTHERN AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES TASK TEAM

Operational Terms

Objective:

To provide a national forum for jointly discussing and ensuring the unique educational needs of First Nations students located in and from northern and remote First Nations communities and to provide regional and national solutions and recommendations.

Outcomes and Outputs:

A list of deliverable(s) will be finalized as the Joint Task Team completes its work plan regarding both short-term and longer term outcomes. The main outcomes will include the following:

1. Review recommendations from the other Joint AFN/INAC Task Teams and ensure the unique needs of First Nations students located in and from northern and remote First Nations communities are considered and reflected.
2. Identify ways to improve access to high quality education, as defined by First Nations, for northern and remote First Nations schools and students. Provide a comprehensive breakdown of the unique, actual cost drivers and priorities which may include, but are not limited to: infrastructure, connectivity, human resources, wrap-around student services, curriculum etc.
3. Examine regional approaches to education across northern and remote regions in Canada, as well as international examples, to identify common solutions that could be regionally implemented.
4. Consider how to incorporate broader holistic, life-long learning models that includes: non-education specific, wrap-around services and mental health and wellness initiatives in the Task Team's discussions and work plan.

Membership and Commitment:

- Members for the Joint Task Team will be recommended by National Indian Education Council (NIEC), Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Indigenous and Northern Development Canada (INAC) and approved by the Joint Working Committee.
- A maximum of 10 regional members (1 per region), a maximum of 2 AFN members and a maximum of 8 INAC/Government of Canada members.
- Members of the joint task team are expected to have the knowledge and expertise of the educational needs and cost drivers of First Nations students located in and from northern and remote First Nations communities.
- External presenters and experts may be asked to participate from time to time.
- The Joint Task Team will carry out its objectives and activities within a national perspective.

Reporting:

Each Joint Task Team will report regularly on their mutually agreed upon outputs and deliverables to the Joint Working Committee.

Meeting Dates:

The Joint Task Team will meet on an ongoing basis throughout 2017-2018 having regular tele/video conference meetings. The AFN Education Secretariat and INAC Education will be responsible for organizing the overall schedule of the meetings. The following dates are tentatively scheduled for in person meetings:



Sept 26-28, 2017
Oct 23, 2017 Conference Call
Nov 15-16, 2017
Winter 2018

