



Honouring Our Tradition,  
Soaring to Our Potential

First Nation Directors of Education

**NATIONAL  
FORUM** 2018

## Agenda

<b>Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Pre-conference Day</b>	
<b>Building Awareness, Sharing Solutions</b>	
8:00am - 8:30pm	<b>Registration</b>
8:30am	<b>Breakfast</b>
9:00am	<b>Prayer and Welcoming</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drum Group: Eagle River Singers</li> <li>• Gwen Point, Stó:lō Nation, Chiefs Committee on Education Elder</li> <li>• Master of Ceremonies - Jarrett Laughlin, Special Advisor for Education, Assembly of First Nations</li> </ul>
9:30am	<b>Importance of School Attendance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darren Googoo, Director of Education, Membertou First Nation</li> </ul>
10:45am	<b>Break</b>
11: 00am	<b>Impact of Parental and Community Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jan Hare, Associate Dean, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia</li> </ul>
12:15pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:15pm	<b>Building a Strong Sense of Cultural Identity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tanis Crawford, Superintendent, Meadow Lake Tribal Council</li> </ul>
2:30pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45pm	<b>Using Data to Drive Instruction in the Home, School, and Community</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jarrett Laughlin, Special Advisor for Education, Assembly of First Nations</li> </ul>
4:00pm	<b>Closing - End of Day</b>
<b>Opening Reception</b> *A light meal will be provided	
5:30pm – 7:30pm	<b>Welcoming and Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janice Ciavaglia - Director of Education, Assembly of First Nations</li> <li>• Dr. Paulette Tremblay - CEO, Assembly of First Nations</li> </ul> <b>Musical Performance by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Charette</li> </ul>

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Wednesday February 21 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 - Day 1 Honouring Our Traditions		
7:30am - 4:00pm	<b>Registration</b>	
8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	
9:00 am	<b>Opening Prayer and Welcoming Remarks</b> Drum Group- Eagle River Singers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master of Ceremonies- Mark Hill, AFN Youth Council Co-Chair Ontario</li> <li>• Elder- Josee Whiteduck, Kitigan Zibi</li> <li>• Chief Jean-Guy Whiteduck, Kitigan Zibi</li> <li>• National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Assembly of First Nations</li> <li>• Regional Chief Bobby Cameron, Assembly of First Nations Education Portfolio Holder</li> </ul>	
10:00 am	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashley Callingbull - “My Journey”</li> </ul>	
10:45 am	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 am	<b>Workshop Breakout sessions- A- Honouring Our Traditions</b>	<b>Room</b>
	1. Finding Lost - <i>Nancy Lafleur</i>	Walker
	2. Post-Secondary Indigenous Student Success - <i>Deanna Speidel &amp; Jason Seright</i>	Delfrosse
	3. <b>Understanding Financial Management for Education Administrators - <i>Charles Cochrane and George Merasty*</i></b>	Suzor-Cote
	4. L’nuimk Oral Language Holistic Assessment - <i>Blair Gould &amp; Yolanda Denny</i>	Krieghoff
	5. Community Based Education Governance - <i>Larry Wilke</i>	Gagnon
	6. Supporting First Nations Student and Institutions - <i>Tim Thompson &amp; LuAnn Hill</i>	Mozart
	7. Director of the Education Secretariat - <i>Dobi-Dawn Frenette</i>	Julien

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	8. <b>Directors of Education Association- <i>Dave Peters &amp; Vaughn Sunday*</i></b>	Morrice
12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b> Performance by: Odawa Trade Post "Hoop Dance"	
1:30 pm	<b>Workshop Breakout sessions- B- Honouring Our Tradition</b>	<b>Rooms</b>
	1. Treaty Education Nova Scotia: Creating Partnerships and Opportunities - <i>Jaime Battiste</i>	Krieghoff
	2. Indian Control of Colonial Education: A System Re-Think on Indian Education - <i>Chris Scribe</i>	Gagnon
	3. First Nations Education: Transforming First Nation Elementary and Secondary Education Funding - <i>Julia Candlish &amp; Debbie Jeffrey</i>	Mozart
	4. The Unique Role of an Indigenous Institution Honouring our Traditions while creating opportunities for our learners to soar to their potential - <i>Rebecca Jamieson</i>	Morrice
	5. <b>Educational Leadership: The Role of the First Nations Education Director - <i>Nora Murdock*</i></b>	Delfosse
	6. Developing a Manitoba First Nations Curriculum - <i>Violet Okemaw</i>	Walker
	7. The Indigenous People Atlas of Canada - Giant Floor Map - <i>Ellen Curtis</i>	Suzor-Cote
	8. Education through Housing while Housing Through Education, Empowering students through building - <i>Jay Noel</i>	Julien
3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:15 pm	<b>Panel - Honouring Our Tradition</b> Moderator: Karihwakeron Tim Thompson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gwen Point, Elder, Stó:lō Nation, Chiefs Committee on Education Elder</li> <li>• Rosalie Labillois, AFN Youth Council, New Brunswick</li> <li>• James Wilson, Deputy Minister, Manitoba Education and Training</li> <li>• Davin Dumas, Director of Education, Fisher River Cree Nation</li> </ul>	

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4:15 pm

Close – End of Day 1

**Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 - Day 2**  
**Soaring to Our Potential**

8:00 am	<b>Registration / Breakfast</b>	
9:00 am	<b>Welcome</b> Master of Ceremonies Mark Hill, AFN Youth Council Co-Chair Ontario <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap of Day 1</li> </ul>	
9:15 am	<b>Keynote:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rick Hill, Six Nations</li> </ul>	
10:00 am	<b>Break</b>	
10:15 am	<b>Workshop Breakout sessions- C- Soaring to Our Potential</b>	<b>Rooms</b>
	1. AFN 'It's Our Time' Digital Toolkit - <i>Dakota Edwards</i>	<b>Gagnon</b>
	2. Let's Talk- More Action: The Reconciliation "How to" Guide that Everyone's Been Looking For - <i>Shannon Monk Payne</i>	<b>Morrice</b>
	3. Martin Family Initiative Model School Literacy Project - Debbie Michael & Steve Styers	<b>Walker</b>
	4. <b>Developing a School Based Operational Plan to Support Change - <i>Darren Googoo*</i></b>	<b>Suzor- Cote</b>
	5. Following the Footsteps of Our Elders into the Future - Liz Cremo	<b>Mozart</b>
	6. Anishinabek Education System - <i>Kelly Crawford, Catherine Pawis, &amp; Tracy O'Donnell</i>	<b>Delfosse</b>
	7. The Historic Recognition of the Indigenous Post-Secondary Education Pillar in Ontario - <i>Rosie S. Mosquito &amp; Jean-Guy Fréchette</i>	<b>Krieghoff</b>
	8. A Unique Educational Partnership - <i>Chief Murray Clearsky &amp; Jackie McKee</i>	<b>Julien</b>
9. Manitoba First Nations School System - <i>Shirley Fontaine &amp; Nora Murdock</i>	<b>Beethoven</b>	

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11:45 am	<b>Lunch - Networking Opportunity</b>	
12:45pm	<b>Workshop Breakout sessions- D- Soaring to Our Potential</b>	
	1. What is the Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) Program and How to Apply? - <i>Brad Carter</i>	Krieghoff
	2. Improving Indigenous Student Success - <i>Carlana Lindeman</i>	Julien
	3. First Nations Education: Transforming First Nation Elementary and Secondary Education Funding – <i>Jarret Laughlin &amp; Shirley Fontaine</i>	Suzor-Cote
	4. Wikwemikong Enkiitangik Kinomaagwewin: Student Success Program and the System - Wide transformation of Education in a First Nations Authority- <i>Michael Staruck &amp; Sandra Peltier</i>	Walker
	5. Efforts to establish a Land-Based University in the Northwest Territories - <i>Catherine Lafferty, Justina Black, Erin Freeland-Ballantyne</i>	Delfosse
	6. Aisspomotsio'pa (Supporting Each Other) - <i>Annette Bruisedhead &amp; Richard Fox</i>	Gagnon
	7. How to Find More Money and Keep it Coming- <i>Nancy McLeod</i>	Morrice
	8. <b>Directors of Education Association - <i>Dave Peters &amp; Vaughn Sunday*</i></b>	Mozart
2:15 pm	<b>Break</b>	
2:30 pm	<b>Panel- Soaring to Our Potential</b> Moderator: Peter Garrow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Claudette Commanda- Elder, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation</li> <li>• Ronald Gamblin- AFN Youth Council, MB</li> <li>• Darrick Baxter- President &amp; CEO, Ogoki Learning Inc.</li> <li>• Robin Delaronde - Director of Education, Kahnawake</li> </ul>	
3:30 pm	<b>Closing Ceremonies</b> - Eagle River Singers - Round Dance	

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