

JOINT AFN – INAC EDUCATION STATUTORY FUNDING TASK TEAM Operational Terms

Objective:

To provide a national forum for jointly discussing and exploring options on how to establish a statutory/legal guarantee of education funding for First Nations.

Outcomes and Outputs:

A list of deliverable(s) will be finalized as the Joint Task Team completes its workplan regarding both short-term (before March 31, 2017) and longer-term outcomes. The main outcomes will include the following:

1. Work collaboratively to share research and analysis regarding statutory education funding.
2. Develop options for achieving a statutory/legal guarantee of funding.

**Note: Each Joint Task Team will ensure they include and consider the unique needs of northern and remote communities as they develop their workplan and complete their deliverables.*

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 in statutory funding, education legislation and/or First Nations funding agreements.
- 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:

Members of the Joint Task Team would be required to participate in 3 national meetings between November 2016 and April 2017. The Joint Task Team will meet on an ongoing basis throughout 2017-2018. The AFN Education Secretariat and INAC Education will be responsible for organizing the overall schedule of the meetings. The following dates are tentatively scheduled:

- Feb 2 (12pm-4:30pm) – Feb 3 (9am-4:30pm), 2017 (Location TBD)
- Feb 22 (12pm-4:30pm) – Feb 23 (9am-4:30pm), 2017 (Location TBD)
- Mar 29 (12pm-4:30pm) – Mar 30 (9am-4:30pm), 2017 (Location TBD)

