



BRIEFING NOTE TO THE NATIONAL CHIEF FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: Chiefs Committee on Education- Meeting April 2, 2019

DATE: April 11, 2019

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SUMMARY

- The Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE) met on April 2, 2019, following a National Indian Education Council (NIEC) meeting to discuss and pass motions on First Nations' education priorities. The CCOE also met with Minister Seamus O'Regan of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and other ISC senior officials.

PURPOSE:

- April 2, 2019, the CCOE met to discuss the following;
 - K-12 Program Guidelines;
 - Research and Innovation;
 - Education Partnership Program;
 - The Post-Secondary Partnership Program; and
 - Task Teams.
- Senior official from ISC Headquarters and ISC regional offices joined the CCOE prior to the Honourable Minister O'Regan attending.

CURRENT STATUS:

- The CCOE met to discuss recommendations made by the NIEC and passed motions on the following priorities:
 - K-12 Program Guidelines
 - Research and Innovation
 - Education Partnership Program; and
 - The Post-Secondary Partnership Program.
- Prior to meeting with the Minister, the CCOE met with Jean-François Tremblay, Deputy Minister at ISC, as well as other senior officials from both ISC regions and Headquarters.
 - **High Cost Special Education Program (HCSEP) Review-** ISC unilaterally re-profiled \$1.1 million out of the \$14 million remaining funds in 2018/2019 designated to do the HCSEP review. The CCOE does not want the funds for

- the review to come from the 2019/2020 \$14 million designated for Regional Education Agreement.
- ISC must seek a new funding source to do the HCSEP review.
 - **Post-Secondary Education (PSE)** - The Memorandum to Cabinet on PSE went to go to Cabinet on April 8, 2019. First Nations received \$327 million over 5 years for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program in Budget 2019, which falls short of the total \$1.07 billion required to close the gap in post-secondary education.
 - The CCOE recommended that the NIEC still work with ISC on the Treasury Board Submission for PSE.
 - The CCOE met with senior Indigenous Services Canada officials as well as Minister O'Regan on April 2, 2019. The Minister pledged to continue to work collaboratively and transparently through a relationship built on trust.
 - Minister O'Regan also stated that the upcoming federal election will not stop his work and his commitment to First Nations priorities.
 - The next CCOE meeting will be in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, June 5, 2019.
 - **Meeting with Minister O'Regan-** Key messaging that the CCOE brought to the attention of the Minister were:
 1. Regional Education Agreements
 2. Funding Formula Negotiations
 3. First Nations Post-Secondary Education Policy Proposal
 4. Budget 2019
 5. Indspire
 6. Education Infrastructure
 7. Unilateral Decision Making by ISC
 8. Ontario Post-Secondary Education Funding
 - The Minister pledged to the CCOE that he will work transparently on a relationship built on trust.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) CCOE Record of Decision
- 2) CCOE Minister Points
- 3) NIEC Meeting Summary