



BRIEFING NOTE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: Chiefs Committee on Education- Meeting June 5, 2019

DATE: June 11, 2019

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SUMMARY

- The Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE) met on June 5, 2019, following a National Indian Education Council (NIEC) meeting in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories to discuss and pass motions on First Nation education priorities.

PURPOSE:

- The CCOE met on June 5, 2019 in Yellowknife, Northwest Territory to discuss the following education priorities:
 - Research and Innovation
 - Education Partnership Program
 - \$14 M Allocation
 - Task Teams

CURRENT STATUS:

- The CCOE met to discuss recommendations made by the NIEC and passed motions on the following priorities (See attachments):
 - \$14M allocations
 - Research and Learning and Innovation National Program Guidelines
- **Education Infrastructure Task Team (EITT) Recommendations:** The EITT and the NIEC put forward a recommendation to the CCOE to have a comprehensive review on Education Infrastructure polices to be completed by the task team. The motion was not passed on this recommendation due to two abstentions. Further discussion is required at the July meeting.
- **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 has written a letter to Deputy Minister Tremblay to access a new source of funds and has not received a response.
- **Post-Secondary Education (PSE):** An updated terms and conditions were shared with the CCOE along with a 5 year budget breakdown. \$7.5 million over 3 years has been allocated for the development of First Nations regional PSE strategies. The

CCOE has been asked to return in July 2019 with a timeframe for engagement for their region.

- **Education Partnership Program (EPP):** A list of accepted applicants was provided to the CCOE. The CCOE has requested a list of applicants who have been denied EPP funding and what they requested.
- **Joint Terms of Reference (NIEC/CCOE/AFN/ISC):** The CCOE has requested the Terms of Reference in advance of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Annual General Assembly (AGA). It has been suggested that these terms of references be passed by the Chiefs-in-Assembly.
- **NIEC/CCOE Terms of Reference:** A working group will be developed, made up of CCOE and NIEC members, to revise the NIEC/CCOE terms of reference.
- **Regional Education Agreements (REAs):** As First Nations move towards reaching REAs additional funding will be required. Further clarification is needed on the commitment outlined in the Memorandum to Cabinet to First Nations. The CCOE will be sending Central Agencies a letter for follow up.
- **Kindergarten (K4/K5):** At this time funding for full-time K4/K5 starting in 2019/2020 has not been signed off on by Indigenous Services Canada. Further follow up on this is required.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- The CCOE will be meeting before the AFN AGA on July 22, 2019 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The CCOE will be looking to discuss outstanding motions and discuss education resolutions before going to the Chiefs-in-Assembly.

AFN LINKAGES:

- Housing, Infrastructure, Water, and Emergency Services Sector

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) CCOE Record of Decision
- 2) NIEC Meeting Summary