



BRIEFING NOTE TO THE NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: National Indian Education Council Meeting May 22, 2019

DATE: May 27, 2019

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SUMMARY

- The National Indian Education Council (NIEC) met to discuss First Nations Education policy in Toronto, Ontario on May 22, 2019. Discussions revolved around process for working with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and updates on various education files in preparation for the Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE) meeting in Yellowknife on June 5, 2019.

PURPOSE:

- To provide a brief overview of discussion and recommendations from the NIEC meeting May 22, 2019, and items for further review at the next meeting on June 4, 2019.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Further Discussion Required at June 4, 2019, meeting in Yellowknife:
 - Process for engaging on K-12 Results Indicators.
 - Review of final amendments to the Draft Research and Innovation Guidelines.
 - Review of amendments to Joint Terms of Reference (AFN-NIEC-CCOE-ISC).
 - Discussion on process for review of Education Partnership Program Guidelines.
 - Process discussion for federal budget increases required to complete Regional Education Agreements.
 - Task Team Updates: Education Infrastructure, Early Childhood Education.
 - First Nations Inuit Youth Employment Strategy (FNIYES) briefing is required from Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Economic Development Sector.
- Documents will be provided to the NIEC seven days in advance of deadline for feedback.
- An NIEC workplan will be developed for the coming year to reflect strategic priorities.
- Future NIEC meetings will be longer in favor of more opportunity for NIEC to caucus without ISC in the room.

BACKGROUND:

- **Results Indicators for K-12:** The existing motion from the CCOE was to end joint work on Measurement and Mutual Accountability.
- **Draft Guidelines for Research and Innovation:** Feedback and revisions are required from the NIEC ahead of the next meeting in preparation to support the publication of new guidelines.
- **Joint Terms of Reference (AFN-NIEC-CCOE-ISC):** The existing Terms of Reference are out dated. Feedback and revisions are required before June 4th meeting.
- **\$14M for Regional Education Engagement Funding:** A draft recommendation on allocation methodology will be verified on June 4th in preparation for the CCOE meeting.
- **High Cost Special Education (HCSEP) Review:** ISC has still not provided the funding required to support this national review.
- **Post-Secondary Education (PSE):** An update was provided by ISC on the Treasury Board Submission process and the PSE deficit in Ontario.
- **Education Partnership Program (EPP):** EPP Guidelines are the only guidelines that have not been reviewed or updated as part of Education Transformation.
- **NIEC/CCOE Terms of Reference:** Existing Terms of Reference for these groups are from 1999 and may require an update, subject to AFN Charter Renewal and AFN internal processes.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- A motion from the CCOE would be required if engagement on K-12 Results Indicators is to take place.
- Potential Recommendations to be prepared for the Chiefs Committee on Education include:
 - Support for the Research and Innovation Guidelines
 - Allocation Methodology for \$14M
 - Support for Joint Terms of Reference (AFN-NIEC-CCOE-ISC)

AFN LINKAGES:

- Economic Development Sector
- AFN Mandate for Joint work with Indigenous Services Canada
- AFN Charter Renewal
- Jordan's Principle

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) None