



BRIEFING NOTE TO THE CHIEF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: National Indian Education Council Meeting June 4, 2019

DATE: June 4, 2019

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SUMMARY

- The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Indian Education Council (NIEC) met to discuss First Nations Education policy in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories on June 4, 2019. Discussions revolved around updates on various education files and making recommendations in preparation for the Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE) meeting on June 5, 2019.

PURPOSE:

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

CURRENT STATUS:

The NIEC made recommendations on following:

- \$14 Million Regional Education Agreement funding
 - The National Indian Education Council recommends that the CCOE pass motion to support Scenario 1 and Option 1: Regional Equalized Funding + Funding per capita based on First Nation students aged 4-21 (for YK & NWT on reserve and Crown land)
- Research and Learning Program National Guidelines and Innovation in Education National Program Guidelines
 - The National Indian Education Council recommends that the CCOE pass motion to support: Option 1- The First Nations Research and Learning Program National Guidelines; and Innovation in Education Program National Guidelines
- Education Infrastructure Task Team (EITT) Recommendations
 - The following areas have been identified as needing a comprehensive policy review:
 - School Space Accommodations Standards (SSAS)
 - Level of Service Standards and Management of Teacherages
 - Tendering Policy for Federally Funded Education Capital Projects for First Nations
 - Education Infrastructure Ownership and Financing

- Budget Review of Education Infrastructure Capital
- Further Discussion are required on :
 - Review of amendments to Joint Terms of Reference (AFN-NIEC-CCOE-ISC)
 - Review on the NIEC/CCOE Terms of References- a working group is to established to review the Terms of Reference
 - Discussion on the Education Partnership Program and how it is sun setting
 - Process discussion for federal budget increases required to complete Regional Education Agreements
 - Post-Secondary Education engagement allocation methodologies options
- An NIEC workplan will be developed for the coming year to reflect strategic priorities.

BACKGROUND:

- **Joint Terms of Reference (AFN-NIEC-CCOE-ISC):** The existing Terms of Reference are out dated. Revised Terms of Reference will be provided to the NIEC for review priority to the July meeting and will seek a motion from the CCOE in July.
- **High Cost Special Education (HCSEP) Review:** ISC has still not provided the funding required to support this national review. AFN is waiting for a formal response from Deputy Minister Mr. Tremblay regarding funding. The NIEC is looking to make a recommendation on how to move forward in July.
- **Education Partnership Program (EPP):** EPP Guidelines are the only guidelines that have not been reviewed or updated as part of Education Transformation. A list of applicants who received EPP was provided to the NIEC. A list of applicants who were denied has been requested.
- **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:

- Potential Recommendations to be prepared for the Chiefs Committee on Education include:
 - Support for the Research and Innovation Guidelines
 - NIEC/CCOE Revised Terms of Reference
 - Support for Joint Terms of Reference (AFN-NIEC-CCOE-ISC)

AFN LINKAGES:

- AFN Housing, Infrastructure, and Emergency Management Section
- AFN Mandate for Joint work with Indigenous Services Canada
- AFN Charter Renewal

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) \$14M REA Allocation Recommendation
- 2) Research and Learning National Program Guidelines and Innovation in Education National Program Guidelines Recommendation
- 3) Education Infrastructure Task Team NIEC revised Recommendation
- 4) Chiefs Committee on Education Meeting Summary
- 5) List of Attendees