



Metis Settlements General Council

Government of Alberta

# First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Partnership Council

We, the undersigned, agree on this day, *October 13, 2009*, to establish a *First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Partnership Council* that will help guide the future direction of First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) education in Alberta and move toward eliminating the gap in educational achievement between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal learners.

We recognize that education is the foundation that will ensure FNMI people and communities have access to all the opportunities available to other Albertans.

We believe that success in education for FNMI students requires leadership from all Albertans to build strong communities and families that embrace education and encourage and provide FNMI students with opportunities for success.

We acknowledge our responsibility, as elected officials for the Government of Alberta and First Nations and Métis communities, to lead our respective organizations in partnership and collaboration to improve the education system and outcomes for FNMI students.

We commit to establishing this Partnership Council for a term of three years in order to address FNMI education priorities identified in Alberta and at the Summit on Aboriginal Education, hosted by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC). The creation of this Partnership Council reflects the goals of the CMEC declaration, *Learn Canada 2020*; the Government of Alberta's Aboriginal Policy Framework; the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework; and Advanced Education and Technology's *A Learning Alberta*. The creation of this partnership also recognizes the Protocol Agreement on Government-to-Government Relations signed by the Premier, the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and First Nations Chiefs.

We agree to invite other representatives with education expertise and community experience to participate on the council.

  
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Minister of Education

  
**Grand Chief Charles Weasel Head**  
Treaty 7 Management Corporation

  
**Honourable Doug Horner**  
Minister of Advanced Education and Technology

  
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