

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND RECONCILIATION CIRCLE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

To provide a forum for education stakeholders and Alberta Education to collaborate in a meaningful way on matters and issues related to Indigenous education and advancing truth and reconciliation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Within the general context of Government of Alberta and Alberta Education legislation, policy and standards, including ministerial orders, business plans or other general statements of policy relative to educational programming and requirements, the Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Circle's role is to:

1. collectively identify three to four goals and develop a strategic plan to guide the work of the committee;
2. bring forth challenges and collaboratively develop potential solutions for the stakeholder organizations or groups they represent as they pertain to Indigenous education and reconciliation;
3. ensure that member organizations and groups are informed of committee deliberations, where applicable;
4. provide ongoing input and feedback as required; and
5. advocate for Indigenous education and advancing truth and reconciliation.

CHAIR

The Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Circle is chaired by the Assistant Deputy Minister of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Directorate or designate.

MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Circle, appointed by their jurisdiction or organization, will be confirmed annually by each jurisdiction or organization on or before August 31 of each year.

The Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Circle includes standing members from the Alberta Association of Deans of Education; the Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta; the Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia; the Alberta School Boards Association; the Alberta School Councils' Association; the Alberta Teachers' Association; the College of Alberta School Superintendents; and Rupertsland Institute.

Opportunities to invite and include additional Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous community and education stakeholders will be sought to support the purpose and goals of the Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Circle.

The Deputy Minister and other division heads from Alberta Education, as well as Executive Directors and senior staff from member organizations, have a standing invitation to attend Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Circle meetings and join in the discussion.

Meetings will be held at the call of the chair as required, with a minimum of four half-day meetings annually. Meeting minutes with a summary of decisions and action items will be provided in a timely manner.

EXPENSES

Members serving on the Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Circle are responsible for their own expenses as they relate to attending the Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Circle meetings.