



First Nations Education Steering Committee  
**Local Education Agreements  
Regional Workshops**  
February & March, 2011

### ***Better LEAs for Better Student Outcomes***

Although Local Education Agreements (LEAs) are designed to give First Nations a stronger voice in the education of their children and improve educational outcomes for First Nations learners, ***nearly half of the First Nations in BC have no LEAs.***

### ***Did you know...***

According to the  
*Aboriginal Report  
2004/05-2008/09  
How Are We Doing?:*

- 10.8% of public school students in BC are Aboriginal.
- Less than half of Grade 12 Aboriginal students are graduating with a Dogwood Diploma.
- The six-year completion for Aboriginal students in care (2007-2008) is 18% .
- Gender inequity is significant for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.
- 7% of Aboriginal students are categorized as having behaviour disabilities; this is more than *three times* the rate for non- Aboriginal students (2%).

Dear BC First Nations Communities, District Principals of Aboriginal Education, School Trustees, and Superintendents:

We warmly invite you to attend an upcoming **Local Education Agreement (LEA) Workshop** near you.

Drawing upon the best practices identified by BC First Nations representatives in the FNESC Local Education Agreements Handbook (2009), we will discuss how to design effective LEAs that support student success, strong relationships, effective communication and accountability.

We also invite participants to discuss what supports your community may need to assist you in negotiating an effective LEA.

\*\*\* Please distribute this notice to those individuals in your community who have responsibility for education matters or who are active advocates for improving education outcomes for First Nations students who attend public schools.

***These workshops have the support of the BC School Trustees Association.*** The workshops are coordinated by the FNESC LEA Subcommittee and they are offered with support from the federal Education Partnerships Program.

### **Workshop Schedule**

Nanaimo, February 21	Prince George, March 11
Williams Lake, February 28	Terrace, March 16
Fort St. John, March 4	Vancouver, March 30

### **Travel Subsidies**

Travel and hotel expenses are available for one representative per First Nations community (Band) to attend their nearest workshop to a maximum of \$500. In the case of over-subscription, priority for travel subsidies will be given to representatives from communities that have no LEAs, or have LEAs that have expired. Some limits may apply.

### **Registration**

Online registration: <http://www.fnesc.ca/conferences/index.php> A fax and online application form are available on the website. Background materials, including the **LEA Revised Handbook 2009**, will also be available on the FNESC website. *Please bring a copy of your LEA on a flash drive for sharing if possible.*

### **Information**

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