

FNESC Regional Sessions

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) invites representatives of BC First Nations and First Nations schools to our annual regional sessions. We are very pleased to be returning to an in person format. To ensure that the information and discussions are relevant, please register for the session that corresponds most closely with the location of your community. If you are unable to attend the in-person session within your region, you may register for the virtual session in June.

These sessions are an opportunity for FNESC to share information about important issues in First Nations education, to support First Nations schools and communities, and to receive direction from First Nations to inform our work. They are part our efforts to share information and maintain accountability to First Nations in BC.

SCHEDULE

April 12-13, 2022	Prince Rupert, The Crest Hotel (<i>revised date</i>)
April 26-27, 2022	Prince George, Courtyard by Marriott
May 5-6, 2022	Kamloops, Sandman Signature Hotel
May 9-10, 2022	Kelowna, Delta Okanagan Grand
May 12-13, 2022	Nanaimo, The Grand Hotel Nanaimo
May 17-18, 2022	Cranbrook, Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort
June 1-2, 2022	Vancouver, Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront
June 8-9, 2022	Virtual Session

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS (draft)

Day 1:

- COVID-19 in the public and independent school context
- BC Tripartite Education Agreement, including Adult Dogwoods, FSAs, LEAs, transportation and research, nominal roll, and First Nations languages policy
- Other major topics include the new Indigenous-focused graduation requirement, draft Anti-racism Strategy, First Nations Student Rate, BC *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, and transition of childcare to the Ministry of Education

Day 2:

- Post-secondary education
- COVID-19 in the First Nations school context
- Services and resources for First Nations schools
- BCTEA funding, including formula updates, nominal roll, the estimator tool, and funding handbook
- First Nations education jurisdiction, including the First Nations Education Authority and Teacher Certification
- First Nations school governance
- Curriculum resource support for teachers

Registration

Visit the event webpage to register and for event details:

www.fnesc.ca/regionalsessions

Who can attend?

Representatives from BC First Nations/Tribal Councils and BC First Nations schools may attend. Given that we will be limiting capacity to ensure health and safety, participation is limited to two representatives per First Nation. In some cases, we may be required to further limit participation, in which case we will follow up with impacted First Nations as early as possible. Venue-specific maximum capacities will also apply.

Health and Safety

To attend an in-person regional session, participants will be required to present their BC Vaccine Card (electronic or print copy) showing they have received two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine. Please refer to the health and safety protocol on page 2.

Travel

Travel is reimbursable for up to two representatives per BC First Nation (Band) or Tribal Council to attend their nearest session. See link to the sample travel claim (including policies) on the event webpage.

Schedule

Meeting 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. Breakfast (8:30 am) and lunch provided.

Hotel

Booking codes/rates are available on the event webpage. Deadlines apply.

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FNESC Health and Safety Protocol – Regional Sessions

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The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) looks forward to welcoming you back to our in-person regional sessions. The following protocols are intended to ensure the health and safety of participants and staff.

These protocols may be updated at any time due to developments in the COVID-19 pandemic or as a result of changes to public health guidance. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Before Travel

- We ask that participants who are feeling unwell stay home and not attend the regional session.

Proof of Vaccination (Required)

- To be able to attend the regional session, participants will be required to present their BC Vaccine Card (electronic or print copy) showing they have received two doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine. Participants who are unable to present proof of vaccination will not be able to attend the regional session and are invited to attend the virtual session scheduled for June 8-9, 2022.

Masking

- The decision to wear a mask beyond when it is recommended by public health is a personal one, based on individual preference.
- We recommend that participants wear masks when not seated.

Social Distancing

- The meeting room will be set up to allow for as much social distancing as possible.
- We ask that participants do not change seats during the regional session.

Questions

If you have any questions please contact Estefania Solis, Event Coordinator, at estefanias@fnesc.ca. On-site FNESC staff can also assist with questions or concerns.