

## FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE

# Regional Sessions

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) invites you to our annual Regional Sessions to learn about the activities of FNESC and our partners and to discuss emerging issues in First Nations education. The sessions represent a fundamental component of FNESC's efforts to communicate with and be accountable to First Nations in BC. At the sessions FNESC will be seeking direction from First Nations to inform our ongoing work.

### SCHEDULE 2023

Jan. 26-27	Prince Rupert, The Crest Hotel
Feb. 8-9	Kamloops, Ramada Hotel
Feb. 14-15	(*Updated) Vancouver, Sheraton Wall Center
Feb. 16-17	Nanaimo, The Grand Hotel Nanaimo
Mar. 1-2	Kelowna, Sandman Hotel
Mar. 6-7	Prince George, Courtyard Prince George
Apr. 18-19	Virtual Session

### Registration

Visit the event webpage to register and for event details: [www.fnesc.ca/regionalsessions](http://www.fnesc.ca/regionalsessions) Please register for the session that corresponds most closely with the location of your community to ensure that the information and discussions are relevant. If you are unable to attend the in-person session within your region, you may register for the virtual session.

### Who is eligible to attend?

**Day 1** – Representatives from BC public schools, school districts, First Nations schools, First Nations, and Tribal Councils may attend.

**Day 2** – Representatives from BC First Nations schools, First Nations, and Tribal Councils may attend.

Participation is limited to two representatives per First Nation and two representatives per school district. There will be a waitlist for additional participants. Venue-specific maximum capacities will also apply.

### 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 (8:00 am) and lunch provided.

### Hotel

Booking codes/rates are available at [www.fnesc.ca/regionalsessions](http://www.fnesc.ca/regionalsessions). Deadlines apply.

### Health

Please stay home if you are feeling unwell. Only registered participants are eligible to attend. Family and friends cannot attend the event at any time, including for meals. The decision to attend in-person events is a personal one and it should be made in consideration of your individual risk factors and vulnerabilities.

### Event Contact

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### AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS (draft)

#### Day 1:

- BC Tripartite Education Agreement, Adult Dogwoods, FSAs, attendance, and preparation for BCTEA 2
- Local Education Agreements, transportation for on-reserve students attending public schools, and nominal roll/joint verification process
- Other major topics include the new Indigenous-focused graduation requirement, Declaration Act Action Plan, distinctions-based approach, transition of childcare to ECC, First Nations Children and Youth in Care Protocol, Board/Authority Authorized Courses, school district surpluses, and online learning
- Guest presentations by the Ministry of Education and Child Care and Indigenous Services Canada (tbc)

#### Day 2:

- Post-secondary education, including the Tripartite PSE Model, student data, funding model review, policy and legislation table, and CYIC Protocol
- Services and resources for First Nations schools, including special education updates, transportation capital, and ICT support
- ISC adult education funding
- BCTEA funding, including formula updates, nominal roll, the estimator tool, and funding handbook.
- First Nations education jurisdiction
- Other major topics include the Governance Toolkit, parent supports, and Attendance Toolkit.



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