



THE KINOOMAADZIWIN EDUCATION BODY: Next Steps

What is the Kinooaadziwin Education Body?

The Kinooaadziwin Education Body (KEB) is a not-for-profit corporation that the Anishinabek First Nations approved by Grand Council Resolution in 2010. The KEB has a 12-member Board of Directors that is made-up of representatives from the four (4) Anishinabek Regional Education Councils.

The KEB takes direction from the First Nations on the steps required to set up the Anishinabek Education System. The KEB will support First Nations in their delivery of education programs and services and liaise with the Province of Ontario on education matters when the Anishinabek Education System is operational.

When the Anishinabek Education System is operational, the KEB will receive education funding from Canada on behalf of the First Nations and distribute 100% of the program and services funding to the First Nations. The KEB will develop a budget for First Nation approval on how the funding that Canada provides to run the Anishinabek Education System will be spent.

The First Nations will work together through the KEB to identify and address the First Nation educational priorities and educational goals.

The Kinooaadziwin Education Body History at a Glance

In January 2011, the Kinooaadziwin Education Body (KEB) was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation owned and controlled by the Anishinabek First Nations in accordance with a 2010 Grand Council Resolution.

The Grand Council Resolution says that the KEB will:

- initiate the educational activities to support the First Nation exercise of jurisdiction over education on-reserve and the delivery of education programs and services by the First Nations
- support the First Nations on the selection of the regional representatives to the KEB Board
- implement the education strategic plan
- report to the Chiefs-in-Assembly at its regular assemblies on the progress achieved and the on-going plans to establish the Anishinabek Education System

The Kinooaadziwin Education Body Board of Directors

Each First Nation that is part of the Anishinabek Education System belongs to one of four (4) education regions of the Anishinabek Education System. Each First Nation appoints two (2) representatives to sit on their respective Regional Education Council (REC) under their own selection process.

The four (4) RECs are made-up of the following First Nations:

REC #1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek • Long Lake #58 First Nation • Pic Mobert First Nation • Biigtigong Nishnaabeg 	REC #2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation • Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation • Sheshegwaning First Nation • Zhiibaahaasing First Nation • Whitefish River First Nation • Michipicoten First Nation
REC #3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dokis First Nation • Henvey Inlet First Nation • Magnetawan First Nation • Moose Deer Point First Nation • Nipissing First Nation • Wahnapiatae First Nation • Wasauksing First Nation 	REC #4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aamjiwnaang First Nation • Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation • Munsee-Delaware Nation • Chippewas of Rama First Nation • Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation • Beausoleil First Nation

The Board members are:

REC #1 Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaine Stewart, Pic Mobert First Nation • Judy Desmoulin, Long Lake #58 First Nation • Lisa Michano-Courchene, Biigtigong Nishnaabeg 	REC #2 Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie Mayer, Mississauga #8 First Nation • Janice Cada, Sheshegwaning First Nation • Jeanne Naponse, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation
REC #3 Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Pawis, Wasauksing First Nation • Nichole King, Moose Deer Point First Nation • Marianna Couchie, Nipissing First Nation 	REC #4 Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evelyn Ball, Chippewas of Rama First Nation • Vicki Ware, Aamjiwnaang First Nation • Lauri Hoeg, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation

The Next Steps...

- The Kinooaadziwin Education Body is beginning to hire staff to support setting-up the Anishinabek Education System. There are currently three (3) employment opportunities available. The three positions include Director of Education, Finance Manager and Executive Administrative Assistant.
- The KEB Board of Directors will be meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on October 24-25, 2017.
- The REC's will be meeting in Toronto, Ontario, on November 15-17, 2017.
- In June 2017, the Kinooaadziwin Education Body Board of Directors selected Nipissing First Nation to house the Kinooaadziwin Education Body (KEB). The building, which is anticipated to be completed for Fall 2018, will house the KEB staff. The KEB will continue to provide input to Nipissing First Nation on the building design.
- There will be future opportunities for Participating First Nations to house the Regional Education Councils (REC) offices that will accommodate a minimum of two (2) staff members. The KEB will send out a call for proposals to host the REC offices this Fall.
- The KEB Board of Directors continues to provide input and support to the Anishinabek Nation Education Negotiator to complete the education funding negotiations with Canada and the negotiations of the final arrangements with Ontario on the Multi-Year Action Plan, the Transfer Payment Agreement and the Data and Information Sharing Agreement.
- The KEB Board of Directors is developing draft education policies and procedures for the operation of the Anishinabek Education System. These draft policies and procedures will be presented to the Participating First Nations for their review and input in the winter of 2017 in preparation for the official opening of the Anishinabek Education System in 2018.
- The development and approval of the First Nation education laws will be monitored and supported by the KEB Board of Directors in their own regions.
- The KEB will develop and present a plan to the First Nations to support the approval of federal legislation to put the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement into effect.

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