



BACKGROUND

Métis Nation-Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan School Boards Association

Memorandum of Understanding

Entering into responsible partnerships is important to the fabric of the Métis Nation. The Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) know the value of using education as a tool of reconciliation for all people. Inclusion of Métis knowledge and traditional ways benefits Métis students as well as non-Métis students for a future based on mutual understanding.

Success for Métis students is success for all and reflection of Métis ways of knowing and contributions to the history of Saskatchewan are critical. Establishing a formal mechanism between MN-S and SSBA will foster one avenue to using education as a tool of reconciliation.

A well-rounded approach that includes students, Elders, teachers, administrators and Board members is imperative. This approach is one such step in that direction to ensure those in board positions in charge of critical decisions understand the benefit of Métis knowledge, traditions, and culture. Advancing in that direction means decision makers are informed by Métis people.

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About Métis Nation-Saskatchewan

The Métis Nation-Saskatchewan (MN-S) represents roughly 53,000 Métis citizens, through a representative system based on 12 regions and 130 locals. MN-S advocates for the political, legal and constitutional recognition of Métis people. MN-S works to guarantee the rights of Métis people, including the right to a land and resource base, self-government, and self-government institutions.

The current president of MN-S is Glenn McCallum. The MN-S governance structure also includes its Senate, a Cabinet which is composed of the four-member executive, and elected officials from the 12 regions who hold a variety of Ministerial positions.

About Saskatchewan School Boards Association

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association is a democratic and voluntary organization. It ensures advocacy, leadership, and support for member boards of education by speaking as the voice of public education. The SSBA offers opportunities for trustee development and provides information and services.

The SSBA represents public, separate and francophone school divisions which reflect the rural, urban and northern diversity of Saskatchewan. The province has 28 school divisions: 18 public, eight separate, one Protestant, and one Conseil scolaire fransaskois. School boards are elected to govern Kindergarten to Grade 12 education in their school divisions. They ensure the wishes of the community are reflected in the division's schools. The SSBA supports boards in this important task.