

Kwe readers,

March break is already here! We have been preoccupied by several recent events, including the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in First Nations communities, the FNEC's education symposium for its French-speaking members, Laval University's action plan for First Peoples, and a warming tent set up in Cabot Square in honour of Raphaël André, one of our Innu brothers living among the homeless population in Montréal, who died in inhumane conditions.

The FNEC has worked in conjunction with school principals and field experts to support technicians in verifying air quality and the state of ventilation systems in schools, while continuing to be invested in negotiating a regional education agreement for the complete takeover of education by and for First Nations.

In addition to ensuring the delivery of technical and educational support services and keeping watch over 2021-2022 funding and ISC's interim formula, the FNEC succeeded in holding a special general assembly and launching our new website, all in one month! Needless to say, all this activity has kept us quite busy, and has contributed to strengthening our partnerships and extending our outreach.

I hope you will take advantage of the March break to get outside for some winter fun before heading back to the classroom for the homestretch in this very unusual school year!

Enjoy reading our newsletter!



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