

### GENERAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

# Chaque enfant a le droit d'avoir une chance égale de développer son plein potentiel

La négociation d'une entente régionale en matière d'éducation bat son plein entre le secrétariat du CEPN et Services aux Autochtones Canada. Cette entente, basée sur la formule élaborée par le CEPN et ses membres au cours des 14 dernières années, donnera aux communautés une plus grande autonomie financière en leur assurant un financement fondé sur leurs besoins réels dans le domaine de l'éducation. Il nous est enfin permis de rêver que chaque jeune, et chaque équipeécole, aura les outils pour réussir et nous faire oublier le régime des années 1900.

L'équipe du CEPN entrevois déjà faire le tour des communautés à l'automne pour parler de l'entente et des opportunités qu'elle offre.



#### Every child should be proud of their language, culture, history, and traditions

The FNEC is working hard with the AFNQL and other regional commissions and organizations to ensure the removal of systemic barriers to student success as part of the provincial government's French language reform bill. Even though the bill does not affect our inalienable right to Indigenous language preservation, promotion and instruction, it does not mend the systemic injustice that puts our children at a disadvantage, hindering their success. Our leaders will be actively lobbying the government in September, and the FNEC will continue doing what is needed to ensure sustainable and viable solutions are found. The CEPN team is already planning to tour the communities in the fall to talk about the deal and the opportunities it offers.

#### **Every child matters**

The FNEC will once again take part in Orange Shirt Day to turn our thoughts to residential school victims and survivors. It will also be an opportunity for us to pause and honour the families who lost young loved ones to those institutions. On September 30, we will all pay tribute to the strength and resilience of those who courageously paved the way to recognition and respect for our identity, language, culture, knowledge, and traditions.

Did you know that September 30 has been declared a statutory holiday to commemorate the tragic legacy of Canada's residential school system?

Bill C-5 received royal assent on June 3, making September 30 a holiday for Canadians to learn about and reflect on a dark chapter in their country's history and to commemorate the survivors, their families, and their communities—as called for by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Indigenous leaders.

## Every child can aspire to a post-secondary education in a safe and secure environment

The FNEC is actively involved with the Building Reconciliation Forum organized by Laval University and the provincial network of universities. The theme of this year's forum, being held online from September 21 to 23, is **Falling into step with First Peoples students**. The forum is intended to be part of active and sustainable reconciliation. Kiuna will be taking centre stage on September 21. Eleven ambassadors representing each of the eleven First Nations and Inuit nations in Quebec have been asked to share their vision of reconciliation. Take a few minutes to hear what they have to say at https://event.fourwaves.com/348eb277-a0b3-4acf-9388-a485e95dfe4e/pages/c447d77c-0bb2-40a9-aa18-c17bf852b239.

Their messages along with the pre-forum webinars address the issues on which universities, governments and organizations have promised to take action. How will they follow through on their commitments? Stay tuned!

### Every child has the right to a healthy school environment with adequate ventilation!

The pandemic has revealed the importance of adequate ventilation in our schools to reduce the spread of the virus. The FNEC quickly deployed a team to assess the situation and has submitted a proposal for school ventilation upgrades and major renovations.

So far, nine schools have received funding for ventilation system improvements.

Upgrades in all FNEC member schools have been scheduled for the coming year.

Capacity building efforts in conjunction with Wendake's workforce training and development centre are underway to provide training for ventilation system operators so they can upgrade their skills.