



### **Post-secondary education consultations**

Over 300 people responded to FNEC surveys on post-secondary student services last May. Consultations in conjunction with Kiuna Institution will be ongoing this fall to improve services, inform communities on the results, and contribute to the national post-secondary education engagement process. Several issues will be addressed including student services, cultural safety, financial aid, and First Nations post-secondary program funding and certification.

Public health guidelines are still an issue for this year's return to class. The majority of students who responded to the survey indicated that the pandemic has had an impact on their education. The pandemic has raised many concerns among students regarding their mental health, graduation, and social isolation. Most students benefitted from increased access to technology following the implementation of widespread distance learning in September 2020. Unfortunately, only 50% of communities have been able to provide internet access or a location in the community where students can attend their courses online. We hope that more students will be able to pursue their studies this year.