



Words from the Director General

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It's already June and the school year is drawing to a close. I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight the extraordinary work of our teaching and school staff over the past year. Thank you all for contributing, in one way or another, to the school success of our young people.

June is National Indigenous History Month. Let us recognize, honour, and celebrate our heritage, cultures, languages, and traditions throughout the month and on National Indigenous Peoples Day this June 21st.

On a different note, it was a fast and furious spring at the FNEC. Among other things, we held a general assembly and a special general assembly. As some of you may have heard, we also initiated legal proceedings regarding An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec.

We continue to play an advisory role to the Chiefs in their consultations with the government of Quebec on a potential bill for the revitalization of Indigenous languages. We have enlisted the support of lawyers to ensure that the Chiefs demonstrate unequivocally to the Minister that language falls under the specific authority of the First Nations and Inuit. The Minister is on the wrong track in his attempt to legislate unilaterally on Indigenous languages.

Meanwhile, our efforts to fully implement the Regional Education Agreement are ongoing, especially in terms of performance indicators and the expansion of school services.

Last but not least, we must mention our Interschool Games, which took place at Université Laval in May. Once again, over 1 100 people—youth, coaches, and volunteers—turned out for the fifteenth edition!

On behalf of the entire FNEC team, I wish you a wonderful summer season. Enjoy the outdoors and take this time to recharge your batteries.

Thanks for reading and see you next fall!

Denis Gros-Louis, Director General