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Launch of the 17th edition of the First Nations Education Council Inter-school Games

Wendake, May 21, 2025 – The First Nations Education Council (FNEC) is proud to announce the 17th edition of its Inter-school Games, which will take place from May 22 to 25, 2025, at Université Laval's sports and physical education pavilion (PEPS), in Quebec City.

Almost 1250 young athletes, coaches and chaperones from 36 schools in 25 communities of the Abenakis, Anishinabeg, Atikamekw, Ilnu, Kanien'kehá:ka, Mi'gmaq and Wendat nations are expected to attend this major sporting event.

Over four days, the participants will compete in six disciplines, ranging from track and field (races, shot put, long jump), to basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, as well as trail runs and the popular Ancestors Challenge, an obstacle course that combines strength, agility and endurance.

Beyond competition, the Inter-school Games give young people a unique opportunity to create intercommunity ties and experience the atmosphere of a university campus, in a spirit of excellence, pride and celebration.

To bring these Indigenous youth together and motivate them, the First Nations Education Council has benefited from the support of its main partners and sponsors, including Laval University, the New Pathways Foundation, the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission, Indigenous Services Canada and the Quebec Minister of Health and Social Services, and RBA Financial Group.

To learn more and view the FNEC Inter-school Games program, go to <https://inter-schoolgames.com/>.

About the First Nations Education Council

The First Nations Education Council (FNEC) is an association of 22 First Nations in Quebec that has been working for 40 years to fulfil the right of First Nations to exercise full jurisdiction over education by developing a comprehensive education system with appropriate resources, designed and managed according to First Nations values and culture. For more information, go to www.cepn-fnec.com

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