

Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government Order-In-Council



Chronological no.: 2765	Subject: Enhanced First Nation Education Programs and Services Agreement	Originated by:
The Council of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government		District Gespe'gewa'gi
Date of duly convened meeting	D 1 1	M 0 1
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WHEREAS: Mi'gmaq of Listuguj (Gespe'gewa'gi, Mi'gmag'i) have an inherent right to govern its affairs in education .

WHEREAS: Mi'gmaq of Listuguj remains committed to meeting the real needs and aspirations of Mi'gmaq learners, their families, and the community for their well-being and academic success as part of holistic and lifelong learning pathways .

WHEREAS: the Truth and Reconciliation Commission ("TRC") released 94 calls to action to redress the legacy of residential and day schools and to advance the process of reconciliation.

WHEREAS: the Province remains committed to advancing reconciliation.

WHEREAS: the Five-Year Enhanced First Nation Education Programs and Services Agreement builds and improves upon the previous five-year Enhancement Agreement.

WHEREAS: The Enhanced First Nation Education Programs and Services Agreement (the "Enhancement Agreement") is made between the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development (the "Province") and the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government (the "First Nation"); the District Education Council (the "District"); the Director of First Nation Education (the "Director").

WHEREAS: in the general and specialized educational programs and services provided by the Province, through the District, to First Nations students, pursuant to this Agreement, there is a stronger focus on the importance of the First Nation's identity, language, customs, and culture.

WHEREAS: the Enhancement Agreement supports improving First Nations students' learning and social-emotional outcomes. The Province of New Brunswick dedicates 50% of the Tuition Fee annually to create the District's Provincial Enhanced Education Programs and Services Fund.

WHEREAS: the funds will not be used to compensate for Education Programs and Services generally provided to all pupils enrolled in public schools.

WHEREAS: the Enhancement Agreement ensures that the parties will work collaboratively to respond to the unique needs of First Nations students.

Moved: Ali Barnaby

Seconded: Chad Gedeon

Abstain: -

Opposed: -

Status: Passed Defeated Tabled

Quorum 7

Councillor Ali Barnaby

Chief Scott Martin

Councillor Gordon J. Isaac

Councillor Wendell Metallic

Councillor Annette Barnaby

Councillor Dr. Cathy Martin

Councillor Kevin Methot

Councillor Erwin Molley

Councillor George Martin

Councillor Alexander Morrison

Councillor Chad Gedeon

Councillor Sky Metallic

Councillor Sheila Swason

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WHEREAS: the Parties commit to work in good faith to provide Enhancement to First Nations students through this Enhancement Agreement.

WHEREAS: the Parties recognize the need to encourage community engagement. Listuguj, and other First Nations, are committed to continuing discussions with the Province of New Brunswick to increase the amount dedicated annually for Enhancement programs and services to ensure student success (learning and social-emotional outcomes) and in the interests of advancing the process of reconciliation.

WHEREAS: if any dispute arises between two or more Parties over any provisions in the Enhancement Agreement, the parties concerned agree to adhere to a dispute resolution process as outlined in the Agreement.

WHEREAS: the goals of the Enhancement Agreement are:

- i) to improve learning and social-emotional outcomes of First Nations students attending or transitioning to public schools in New Brunswick.
- ii) to provide First Nations students attending or transitioning to public schools in New Brunswick with a welcoming school environment and a quality educational experience that is relevant and recognizes their culture, language, and traditions.
- iii) to promote positive learning and working relationships between the First Nation and the District that help foster positive and effective transition for First Nations [students] entering public schools in New Brunswick.

WHEREAS: the Enhancement Agreement is guided by updated principles for learning (e.g., strengths-based approach) and Indigenous Principles of Learning.

WHEREAS: the Enhancement Agreement sets out committees through which the parties can work collaboratively to reach the goals set out in the Agreement:

- i) First Nations Education Enhancement Committee: Review funding proposals, provide recommendations, and oversee implementation
- ii) Provincial Standing Committee on Enhancement Measures: Develop and implement mutually acceptable criteria and indicators to measure the success of this Enhancement Agreement.

WHEREAS: Community schools ("Band Operated") play an essential role in helping and supporting students transition to provincial schools.

WHEREAS: the Province recognizes the need for flexibility in the approaches and initiatives that each community might take to accomplish the goals of the Enhancement Agreement.

WHEREAS: First Nations languages are an important part of First Nations culture and history, and language is intricately connected to the land through words, stories, and ceremonies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government:

1. Delegates Chief Scott Martin to sign the final version of the Enhanced First Nation Education Programs and Services Agreement for its full term of five (5) years.
2. Establish a process to determine Eligible First Nations Students' enrollment and to provide a list of students on the Nominal Roll to the Province twice per year.
3. Pay a Fee for First Nations students.
4. Together with the District, establish a First Nations Education Enhancement Committee to address Enhancement decisions.
5. Agree that there will be a Provincial Standing Committee on Enhancement that will develop and implement mutually acceptable criteria and indicators to measure the success of this Agreement. The Standing Committee will be composed of representatives from the First Nations, the Province, and the District.

THAT: This Order in Council rescinds Order in Council 2757.