

Blueprint Partners Reaffirm Commitment to Indigenous Education



Manitou a bi Bii daziigae, April 14, 2023
(RRC Polytech's Roundhouse Auditorium)

On Friday, April 14, 2023, Manitoba's six universities, three colleges and the Manitoba School Boards Association gathered to reaffirm their commitment to making Indigenous education a priority in Manitoba. In 2015, the parties signed the Manitoba Collaborative Indigenous Education Blueprint (the Blueprint) – an official partnership agreeing to advance 10 commitments informed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.

The Blueprint partners also welcomed three new but long-standing ex-officio members, who became official signatory partners – The Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre and the Province of Manitoba Advanced Education and Training and Education and Early Childhood Learning.

Background

Since the initial signing, each partner has made considerable progress in fulfilling the Blueprint commitments through increasing access to services, programs and supports for Indigenous students; bringing Indigenous knowledge, culture and approaches into curriculum and pedagogy; and creating more opportunities for everyone to understand the history of colonization, Treaties, Residential Schools and the contemporary realities that Indigenous Peoples in Canada experience.

Going Forward

As Indigenous students continue to face barriers to equitable education in Manitoba, the re-signing of the Blueprint and the renewed commitment to prioritizing Indigenous education is as important today as it was in 2015. By working together to accomplish what cannot be achieved individually, the Blueprint partners believe in the ability to change the legacy of the educational system in Canada.