



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care



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To: Superintendents and District Chairs of Indigenous Education Councils

Re: Invitation to the Jointly Convened Annual Meeting, May 9, 2024

It is our pleasure to invite you to the fifth Jointly Convened Annual Meeting, hosted by the Ministry of Education and Child Care (ECC), Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), and the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) taking place on May 9, 2024, in Vancouver, BC.

The central purpose of the meeting is to support improved outcomes and attendance for First Nations students in BC public schools. This will be an opportunity to discuss the new *School Act* amendments and their implications. Key agenda topics include Local Education Agreements, School of Choice, and Indigenous Education Councils. Further details regarding the agenda will be provided at a later date.

As of November 2023, there are approximately 7,322 First Nation students living on-reserve and attending BC public schools and a total of 67,285 students who self-identify as Indigenous attending BC public schools. Our annual meeting is a direct result of the BC Tripartite Education Agreement (BCTEA), signed by FNESC, BC, and Canada on July 1, 2018, as part of our collective efforts to support the success of First Nations students. It is our intent that this event will assist district leaders in advancing the process of reconciliation between First Nations and school districts while achieving continuous improvement in First Nation student outcomes and attendance.

Event Details

Event: Jointly Convened Annual Meeting for Superintendents and District Chairs of Indigenous Education Councils

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Coal Harbour Ballroom – Coast Coal Harbour, 1180 Hastings St W, Vancouver BC V6E 4R5

- Includes breakfast and lunch, as well as coffee and refreshments during the day
- The ministry has set aside a block of rooms starting at \$299/night
 - Hotel rooms will be held until **April 15, 2024**.
 - Reservations will be made by individuals by phone at 1-800-663-1144 or 604-697-0202. Please quote "JCAM" or use HMS Group Code 1450406.
 - Reservations can also be made online [here](#).
 - All guestroom related charges are paid for by the individual guests.

We hope that both your Superintendent and Indigenous Education Council Chair will attend. To register, school districts must complete a [registration form](#) prior to **April 15, 2024**. A more detailed agenda will be available soon.

We strongly encourage all school districts to participate in this opportunity, which is an important step toward building a strong, effective, and inclusive education system that addresses the unique needs of First Nations students.