

Deputy Minister's Bulletin

Ministry of Education and Child Care



IEC Chairs Gathering Invitation 2026

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To: Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Chairs

Re: Invitation to the IEC Chairs' Gathering, May 13, 2026

It is our pleasure to invite you to the first annual IEC Chairs' Gathering, co-hosted by the Ministry of Education and Child Care (ECC) and the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) taking place on May 13, 2026, in Vancouver, BC. Each IEC may send their IEC Chair to attend the meeting.

The central purpose of the meeting is to support effective implementation of IECs in order to improve outcomes and attendance for First Nations students in BC public schools, in alignment with the *School Act* Amendments and Ministerial Order. Further details regarding the agenda will be provided later.

Event Details

Event: IEC Chairs' Gathering

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 9 am – 3 pm

Location: Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport – 8181 Cambie Rd., Richmond BC

- Includes breakfast and lunch, as well as coffee and refreshments during the day
- The ministry has set aside a block of rooms starting at \$279/night plus fees.
 - Hotel rooms will be held until **April 24, 2026**.
 - Reservations will be made by individuals by phone at 604-279-8384. Please quote "IEC Chairs' Gathering".
 - Reservations can also be [made online here](#).
 - All guestroom related charges are to be paid for by the individual guests.

To register, school districts or the IEC must complete a [registration form](#) prior to **May 6, 2026**. A more detailed agenda will be available soon.

We strongly encourage all IEC Chairs to participate in this opportunity.