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Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) is pleased to announce the **2026 Best Practices in First Nations Education Forum** - an in-person gathering of educators, policy makers, school administrators, and teachers. This forum is designed to strengthen collaboration and support an educational environment that nurtures the intellectual, cultural, and overall well-being of both students and educators.

This year's theme, "**Growing Our Roots**," invites presenters to share insights, experiences, and best practices that strengthen the foundations of learning. Submissions should reflect approaches that support student success, foster meaningful connections between students, schools, and NAN communities, honour the knowledge and guidance of Elders, advance reconciliation, and promote the growth and well-being of both learners and educators.

Presentations should highlight best practices in First Nations education, be 75 minutes in length, and clearly align with the forum theme. Proposals should focus on teaching and learning strategies that respond to the diverse strengths and needs of each student.

We welcome a wide range of presentation proposals related to Early Childhood Education, Elementary and Secondary Education, Post-Secondary Education, and research on First Nations education. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- First Nations Language and Culture
- First Nations Curriculum
- Transitions to Secondary or Post-Secondary School
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Fostering Collaborative Connections
- Parental Engagement
- Reconciliation and Strengthening Relationships
- Education Governance
- Policy Development
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Community Engagement
- Student Engagement and Support
- Land-Based Learning

Let us come together to celebrate accomplishments, share knowledge, and build pathways for a stronger future in First Nations education. Your participation will support collective efforts to create impactful, culturally grounded, and responsive learning environments for all learners.

Conference Date: February 18, 19, 2026, | Submissions Deadline: January 23, 2026,

Complete the attached Presenter Application Form and send by email to kfiddler@nan.ca

PLEASE NOTE: NAN will provide compensation for presentations selected for the Forum. Please note that presenters must provide an invoice. If you have any further questions, please contact:

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Presenter Application Form

Please include a copy of your presentation with this submission, if available. If not, a final copy will be required one week prior to the event (February 10, 2025). You will be notified should your presentation be selected for the Forum.

Presenter Information

Name: _____ Position or Title: _____

Organization or School: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Information: _____

Presentation Description

Presentation Length: Each presentation will be 75 minutes including Q & A Session.

Presentation Title (limit to 10 words):

Presentation Outline (include area of best practices and target audience, limit 30 words):

Presentation Overview (limit to 100 words):

Topics Covered (limit to under 50 words):



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Area of Best Practice:

Target Audience (limit 75 words):

Presenter Biography (limit to under 75 words):

Please attach a high-resolution portrait style photo with this application.

We look forward to your engaging proposals and to seeing you at the 2026 Best Practices in First Nations Education Forum.

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