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Giiwenin Niikino-Maadewin
Taking Back our Education

Leadership Summit 2025

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Meet the Teams

- NAN Team
- Derek Chum – Lead Negotiator
- Bryce Gallant – Fiscal Analyst
- Mike Sherry – Legal Advisor
- Gerry Kerr – Education Advisor
- Bryan Achneepineskum – Education Jurisdiction Manager
- Bazil Batise – Education Jurisdiction Administrative Coordinator

Canada Team

- Connor Ferrie-Leclair – Lead Negotiator
- Sara McConnell – Fiscal Negotiator
- Malesha Essner, Assistant Negotiator
- Marie-Eve Sabourin, Negotiator,
- Dylan Kalloo - Analyst
- Fiona Schreiter - Analyst

Background

- 1999 Nishnawbe Aski Leaders gathered and signed the Framework Agreement, which sets out the path for Agreement-in-Principle Negotiations.
- In 2017 The framework for a Territory Wide Education System was adopted by the NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly
- 2018 – the Agreement-in-Principle was signed with Canada. This agreement lays the foundation for which we build our Final Education Agreement from.

Background

- 2020 – Education Agreement Negotiations
 - - Community Engagement Activities
- 2023 – Fiscal Agreement Negotiations
 - – Implementation Plan Negotiations

Where does my community fit?

- First Nations Education Directors and Leadership
- The NAN Education Jurisdiction team is working with First Nations Education Directors and Leadership from communities in the NAN territory to raise awareness and understanding about Education Jurisdiction

Where does my community fit?

- **Participating First Nation (PFN)**
- A PFN is a community in the NAN territory that has voted yes to ratify the Education Agreement and become a member of the Territory Wide Education System.
Community Consultation & Engagement
- **Interested First Nations**
- Community's that want to begin community engagement activities and begin to promote awareness and understanding about what the future of our people reclaiming control and authority for the education of our children. Communities are not bound or committed to the Agreement during this stage.

Where does my community fit?

Number of Communities
that have started
community engagement
activities



Number of Communities
That have a Community
Based Coordinator



What Are Next Steps For My Community?

- **Data Sharing Agreements**
- These agreement will be between the First Nation and Canada, granting Canada permission to share education specific data with the NAN Negotiation team.
- Information in request:
 - - Nominal Roll past 10 years
 - - Population Statistics past 10 years
 - - Program & Services Funding past 5 years

Number of Data Sharing
Agreements Submitted

4

What Are Next Steps For My Community?

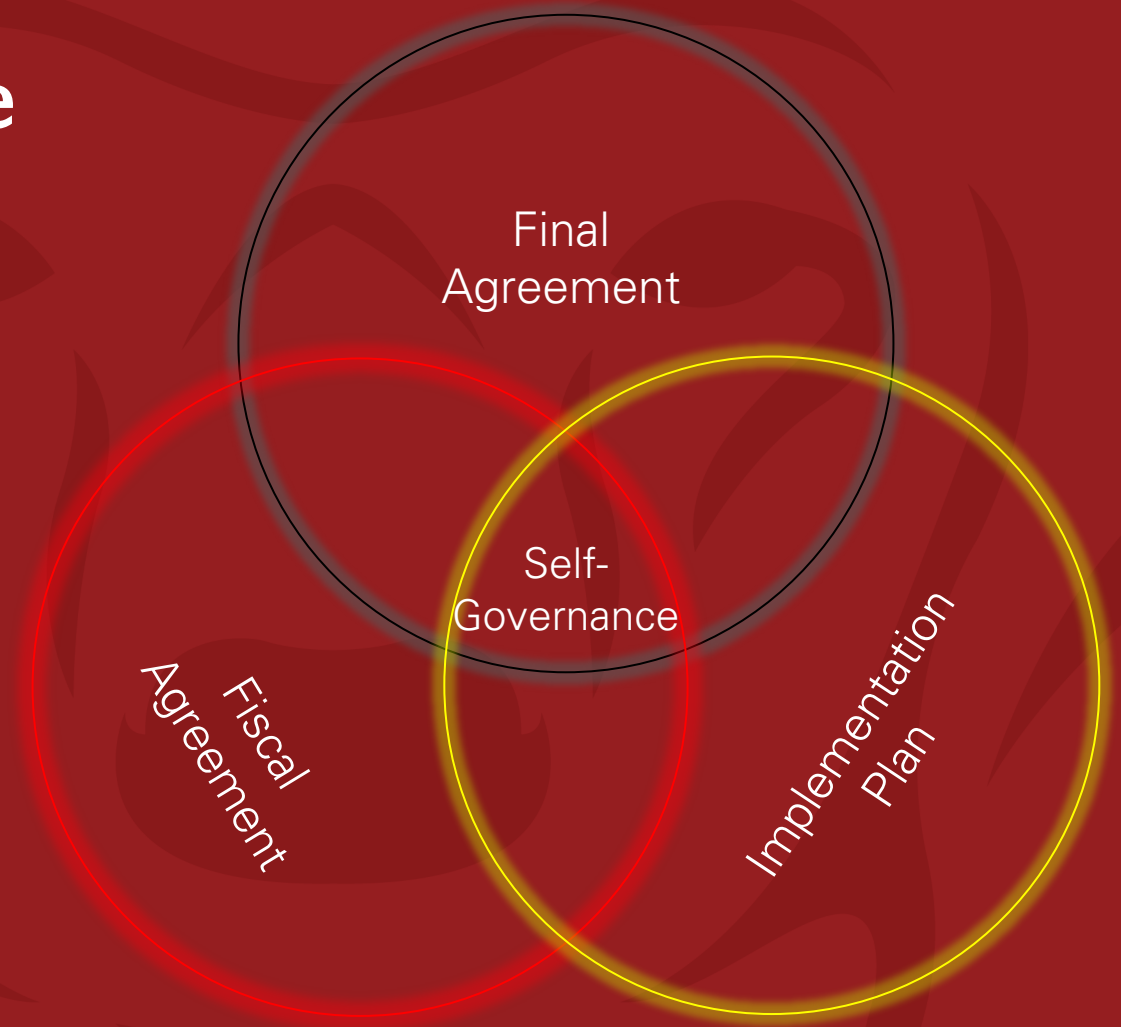
- **Flow Through Funding Agreements**
- There is funding available to First Nations that want to begin community consultation and engagement and begin raising awareness on education jurisdiction.

Funding
Availability

\$54,800

The 3 Agreements

Our Path to Self-Governance



**1 - Education Agreement Negotiations -
Main Table
Derek Chum – Lead Negotiator NAN
Connor Ferrie-Leclair – Negotiator for
Canada**

Chapters Negotiated
in Education
Agreement
21

Timeline for Final
Draft
2027

Chapters Remaining
to complete
Negotiations:
2

Education Agreement Negotiations - Main Table

Derek Chum – Lead Negotiator NAN

Connor Ferrie-Leclair – Negotiator for Canada

- This Education Agreement provides for:

Jurisdiction
And Authority

Establishing a
First Nations
Controlled
Education
System

Fiscal
Relationship and
Support-
exercise of law-
making
governance and
jurisdiction

Resources to
support the
implementation
of the Education
Agreement

2 - Fiscal Agreement Negotiations - Fiscal Table

Derek Chum – Lead Negotiator NAN, Bryce Gallant – Fiscal Analyst

Sara McConnell– Negotiator for Canada at Fiscal Table

Chapters Negotiated
in Fiscal Agreement
21

Timeline for Final
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Negotiations:

Fiscal Agreement Negotiations - Fiscal Table

Derek Chum – Lead Negotiator NAN, Bryce Gallant – Fiscal Analyst NAN

Sara McConnell– Negotiator for Canada at Fiscal Table

- The Fiscal Agreement currently being negotiated with Canada follows the chapter in the Education Agreement. Covered in the Fiscal Agreement includes:

22 Chapters

General
Provisions

Exceptional
Circumstance

Canadas
Responsibilities

3 - Implementation Plan Negotiations – Implementation Working Group Table

NAN's Team

Derek Chum – Lead Negotiator

Gerry Kerr – Education Advisor

Mike Sherry – Legal Advisor

Canada's Team

Katie Stanley – Implementation Negotiator

Connor Ferrie-Leclair – Lead Negotiator

Sara McConnell – Fiscal Negotiator Plus Team

Implementation Plan Negotiations – Implementation Working Group Table

Derek Chum – Lead Negotiator NAN

Sara McConnell– Negotiator for Canada at Fiscal Table

- The Implementation Plan includes Include Representation 2- per party
 - Establishment of the Territory Wide Education Body
 - Establishment of the Implementation Committee
 - Establishment of a public registry of Local Education Codes
 - Delegation (Delegation of Duties & Authority)
 - Review and Appeal Process

Next Steps for My Community

- Education Agreement Negotiations
- Fiscal Agreement Negotiations
- Implementation Plan Negotiations

Community Engagement Activities

- Data Sharing Agreements
- Community Visits
- Community-Led Initiatives
- Local Education Code Development

Advocacy & Support from Leadership

- Resolution Implementation

Next Steps for My Community

- Community Consultation Informed Negotiations Process
- First Nations-Led Education System Models
- Funding Models
- – Prepared by Fiscal Research Team

Call to Action





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