



CHIEFS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 31st Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Constance Lake First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on August 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION #22-01-08-2019

FUNDING UNDER JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

WHEREAS, the intent of Jordan's Principle is to *provide funding to help ensure that First Nations children, have access to needed health services and supports, comparable to those available to other children living in the same province; and*

WHEREAS, the majority of students attending the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC) require academic, social, cultural, physical and emotional supports in order to realize academic success and personal wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, forty-seven (47) MECC students currently require assessment, programming and support staff to meet their special needs, and an additional seventeen (17) have high-cost special needs and require assistive technology, of which 6 require 1:1 staff support; and

WHEREAS, MECC does not receive sufficient tuition or program funding to acquire these additional resources and staff and maintain them on an on-going basis; and

WHEREAS, the Matawa Education Department has submitted a proposal to the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) to secure funding for 10 special education staff, as well as related resources, administrative supports and technology to address these student needs; and

WHEREAS, the *Jury Recommendations for the First Nations Youth Inquest* call on Canada to provide "on-going, predictable and reliable funding to ensure that there is an appropriate staff complement and programs to address the cultural needs of DFCHS, PFFNHS and MLC students," and to "ensure that funding and resources are in place... In order to ensure that any special needs or supports required for First Nations students are identified and addressed while attending secondary school in Thunder Bay".





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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs in Assembly support the funding proposal to First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) for funding under Jordan's Principle; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Matawa First Nations Chiefs in Assembly direct Matawa Education to work with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to ensure that adequate, sustainable and stable funding to meet the special needs of Matawa First Nations students attending MECC can be provided on an on-going basis; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Matawa Education report to the Matawa First Nations Chiefs and leadership on an on-going basis on the progress of this work.

MOVED BY: Chief Chris Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
SECONDED BY: Chief Johnny Yellowhead, Nibinamik First Nation

ABSTENTIONS: Chief Rick Allen, Constance Lake First Nation
Chief Harvey Yesno, Eabametoong First Nation

CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer

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