

## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Position: Special Education Resource Teacher – Matawa Education and Care Centre**

### **Background:**

Formed in 1988, Matawa First Nations Management (Matawa) is a Tribal Council providing services to nine-member communities in Northern Ontario. The organization is dedicated to providing its members with advisory and support services in the areas of communications, economic development, education, finance and business, health, membership and technical services.

The Matawa Education Department supports quality, accessible, community-based educational services for the eight Matawa First Nations Communities of Aroland, Eabametoong, Nibinamik, Ginoogaming, Neskantaga, Marten Falls and Webequie First Nations. In addition to providing advisory services to Education Authorities and Matawa First Nation leadership, the Education Department administers post-secondary support services for five Matawa First Nations; operates the Matawa Education and Care Centre, a private secondary school located in the Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for six communities. The MECC Safe Sobering Site however, will accept youth from all Matawa communities.

At this time, Matawa First Nations Management invites applications from qualified applicants for the position of **Special Education Resource Teacher** at the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC). The MECC is located in Thunder Bay, Ontario and provides a unique learning environment to support students as they move toward the successful completion of their secondary education and continue on their pathways to work, training or post- secondary education programs.



## Position Summary:

The MECC Special Education Resource Teacher shall advocate for students, and provide direct instruction and intervention strategies to individual students or groups of students. This would include monitoring student progress and student needs, and ensuring those with special needs have appropriate accommodations for classroom and provincial assessments. The MECC Special Education Resource Teacher will administer formal and informal academic assessments.

The MECC Special Education Resource Teacher will form partnerships with classroom teachers to develop appropriate instructional and socialization strategies to meet student needs. The MECC Special Education Resource Teacher will collaborate with classroom teachers in the use of informal educational assessments and screens. Act as a resource to the classroom teacher in the development, implementation and monitoring of accommodations, modified/alternative learning expectations for identified and non-identified students.

## Requirements:

- Current *Certificate of Qualification and Registration* with the Ontario College of Teachers, with specialist qualifications or in Special Education;
- Minimum of 3 years successful teaching experience;
- Experience with, and understanding of, special education programs and models to support student success and academic needs;
- Understanding of First Nation and Ontario education systems;
- Understanding of issues faced by First Nation youth;
- First Nation Cultures and life styles;
- Knowledge and experience with computer systems (Apple preferred); and
- Fluency in Ojibway or Oji-Cree is considered an asset.

Applicants will also have excellent oral and written communication skills; interpersonal and leadership skills; stress management skills; demonstrated ability to work effectively with Teachers, Principals, students, Administration, government and First Nations; and hold a valid driver's license or the ability to obtain.



This position is based in Thunder Bay, Ontario and is a contract position to June 26, 2020 with the possibility of extension pending funding and a successful performance review.

For additional information, including specific qualifications for the position, please view the Job Description at the Matawa website:  
**[www.matawa.on.ca](http://www.matawa.on.ca)**.

Please send your cover letter and resume with three employment references to:  
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We offer competitive salary commensurate with education and work experience.

We thank all applicants for their interest in working with Matawa First Nations, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Application Deadline: November 27, 2019

