

## INTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Position: Student Achievement Officer- 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 Student Achievement Officer 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 Student Achievement Officer will be a partner for reciprocal learning. The Student Achievement Officer will work cooperatively with partners to build and provide information and clarification regarding Ministry of Education policies, programs, research and strategies as applied to the growth and development of programming for the MECC. They will stay up-to-date on current educational resources, policies and practices related to student success and First Nation education.

The Student Achievement Officer provides expertise, leadership and support to improve student literacy and numeracy achievement for the Matawa Learning Centre by designing, developing, and implementing Student Achievement Division initiatives (e.g. OFIP, SIM, SEF, SWST, FNMI-CI, CIL-M, etc.). They work cooperatively with partners to build and provide information and clarification regarding Ministry of Education policies, programs, research, resources and strategies.

### Preferred Qualifications/Requirements:

- A degree in Education, and 5 years' experience as an educator or administrator, or equivalent combination of education and experience in Ontario or First Nations Secondary school and board settings
- Current *Certificate of Qualification and Registration* and membership in good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation and Ontario education systems
- Have a deep understanding of content knowledge for teaching mathematics and have facilitated math-focused professional learning opportunities
- Have a deep understanding of effective literacy and language acquisition, including differentiated instruction and effective supports for English Language Learners and students with special needs
- Have experience implementing culturally responsive pedagogy, including a deep understanding of First Nations, Metis and Inuit histories, cultures and perspectives
- Have a deep knowledge of assessment for/as/of learning, pedagogical documentation, gap-closing and personalization strategies



- Have facilitated both face-to-face and virtual professional learning sessions
- Knowledge and understanding of current educational research and promising practices in support of knowledge mobilization
- Have thorough knowledge of education related government policies and current issues and trends impacting student achievement
- Knowledge of Ojibway, Cree or Oji-Cree will be considered an asset
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated Interpersonal and teaching skills
- Valid Ontario driver's license

This position is based in Thunder Bay, Ontario and is a contract position to June 25, 2021 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: Matawa First Nations Management

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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: February 26, 2021**

