



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matawa Chiefs passed at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Matawa Chiefs Assembly in Thunder Bay, Ontario to be effective from and after 1:00pm Eastern Standard time on September 16, 2021.*

### RESOLUTION #11-16-09-2021

#### IMPACT OF CHANGES TO FEDERAL FUNDING ON MATAWA EDUCATION

**Whereas** the Matawa Education Department, with direction and support from the Matawa Chiefs Council and Matawa education leadership, provides many regional programs and services for Matawa students and schools, including, but not limited to:

- Pathways to Student Success (PASS) (early learning assessment and programming; student success, literacy and numeracy programs and resources; cultural programming; student mental health; student nutrition program; IT equipment and technical support; administrative support for schools; and professional development);
- The Matawa Waka Tere language revitalization project;
- Student services and supports provided through the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC) (on-call workers, cultural workers, mental health workers and the St. Joseph's partnership, special education staff, elders outdoor and land-based education, a safe sobering site and cultural workers); and
- Special initiatives funded under the Youth Inquest.

**Whereas** the federal programs that directly fund these regional initiatives through the Matawa Education Department, including the First Nation Student Success Program (FNSSP), the Education Partnerships Program (EPP), New Paths in Education, Jordan's Principle and Choose Life have been or will be discontinued in April 2022; and

**Whereas** funding protection for second-level service providers such as the Matawa Education Department is an issue at both the federal and provincial bilateral tables, although it is not known what recommendations have been proposed or which, if any, will be implemented; and

**Whereas** the loss of this direct funding may negatively impact several programs and services currently available to Matawa First Nation students and schools through the Matawa Education Department.





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**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the Matawa Education Department to continue to work with Matawa First Nations' education leadership to ensure that second-level services and other programs and services that are currently funded through these programs will continue to be available to support Matawa students and schools; and

**Further Be It Resolved** that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the Matawa Education Department to provide input and when possible, participate in technical tables at the regional, provincial and national levels to ensure that future federally-funded student and school supports and services for Matawa First Nations are reliable, timely, accessible and address the needs of Matawa First Nation students and schools; and

**Further Be It Resolved** that the Matawa Chiefs Council direct the Matawa Education Department to seek alternative sources of funding for existing programs and services which may not be eligible for direct federal funding after March 31, 2022; and

**Further Be It Resolved** that the Matawa Chiefs Council advocate at the regional, provincial and national levels for the continuation of direct funding for Matawa regional education-related programs and services offered through Matawa Education; and

**Finally, Be It Resolved** that the Matawa Education Department provide regular updates to the Matawa education leadership and to the Matawa Chiefs Council.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Sheri Taylor, Ginoogaming First Nation  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Dorothy Towedo, Aroland First Nation

**OPPOSED:** None.

**ABSENTIONS:** None.

**CARRIED:** Consensus (X)

  
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Chief Executive Officer

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