



## CHIEFS COUNCIL

*RESOLUTION of the Matabwa Chiefs passed at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Webequie First Nation to be effective from and after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time on July 26, 2022.*

### RESOLUTION #05-28-07-2022

#### IMPACT OF CHANGES TO FEDERAL FUNDING FOR EDUCATION

**WHEREAS** the Matabwa Chiefs in Assembly, through *Resolution #11-16-09-2021 IMPACTS TO CHANGES TO FEDERAL FUNDING ON MATAWA EDUCATION*, recognize the importance of the regional education programs and services currently funded through the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Program (ESEP); formally known as the First Nations Student Success Program (FNSSP) and New Paths, and;

**WHEREAS** the federal program that funds these regional initiatives through the Matabwa Education Department which includes the ESEP is set to expire on April 01, 2023, the funding will then flow to each Matabwa First Nation, and;

**WHEREAS** this change in the funding distribution could have an impact on the maintenance, development, and viability of many current and future regional programs and services for Matabwa students and schools, which have included regional education leadership and advocacy, the Pathways to Student Success program, annual Education Conference, MFNEA Board of Directors meetings, Information Technology services, student services and supports provided through the Matabwa Education and Care Centre (MECC), and other special initiatives funded under the Youth Inquest, so;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matabwa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matabwa Education Department to continue its work with Matabwa First Nations education leadership to ensure second-level services and programs currently funded through ESEP will continue beyond March 31, 2023, and;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matabwa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matabwa Education Department to continue to advocate and, when possible, participate in technical tables at the regional, provincial, and national level to ensure that future federally-funded student and school supports and services for Matabwa First Nations are reliable, timely, accessible and address the needs of Matabwa First Nation students and schools, and;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matabwa Chiefs in Assembly direct the Matabwa Education Department to seek alternative sources of funding for existing second-level programs and services which may not be eligible for direct federal funding beyond March 31, 2023, and;





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**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly advocate at the regional, provincial, and national level for the continuation of direct funding for Matawa regional education-related programs and services being offered through the Matawa Education Department, and;

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Matawa Education Department provide regular updates to the Matawa education leadership and to the Matawa Chiefs in Assembly in December 2022.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation

**OPPOSITION(S):** None  
**ABSTENTION(S):** None

**CARRIED:** Consensus

Chief Executive Officer

