



## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### **Position: Student Safety Support Liaison**

#### **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 eight Matawa First Nations communities of Aroland, Eabametoong, Nibinamik, Long Lake #58, 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 5 Matawa First Nations; operates the Matawa Learning Centre, a private secondary school located in Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for 6 communities.

Matawa is inviting applications for the position of **Student Safety Support Liaison (SSSL)** with the Matawa Education Department. The Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC) located in Thunder Bay, Ontario, 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:**

Reporting to the Executive Director; Education Department, and the Matawa Student Care Centre Manager, the Matawa Student Care Centre Student Safety Support Liaison (SSSL) shall provide supports, guidance, and advocacy to current students residing in the Matawa Student Care Centre (MSCC). The SSSL is a key position that will require developing relationships with multiple stakeholders, including the Matawa community Education Authorities, parents, students and MECC/MSCC staff. The SSSL will coordinate with the MECC and MSCC Mental Health Wellness team, Student Care Centre Administration, Elders, Cultural Workers and MECC





Administration in the development of prevention and intervention programs specific to students' safety and wellness needs. Further, they will develop partnerships with provincial school boards, Thunder Bay Police, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, EMS and other community partners in joint student safety measures and initiatives.

Matawa First Nations Management has adopted a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy by which all staff who are eligible must be fully vaccinated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact us.

### **Preferred Qualifications and Experience:**

The ideal applicant will have:

- Bachelor's degree or college diploma in one of the following areas: Community Services (Social Worker, Social Service Worker, Child & Youth Care, Native Child and Family Services, Health Services); or equivalent community work experience;
- Understanding and experience working with regional Indigenous communities and awareness of local cultural protocol
- Lived knowledge of the kinds of experiences students bring to the Matawa Education and Care Centre, including understanding of history and awareness of 'walking in two worlds'
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation and Ontario education systems
- Ability to develop and sustain healthy relationships with various individuals and groups
- Experience and understanding of school success strategies and intervention models to support student success and learning at elementary and secondary levels
- Demonstrated ability to respond to the developmental needs of youth
- Demonstrated ability to be an advocate, problem-solving barriers to students
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality
- Knowledge of Ojibway Cree or Oji-Cree is 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.

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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RE: **Student Safety Support Liaison**

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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.

