

**Monday, August 26, 2024:**  
**WINHEC Visiting Committee Opening Ceremony**

**7:00 AM: Sunrise Ceremony**

**Location MECC-** Fire pit at the back of the school led by Edler John Gagnon and Leslie Spence. Supported by Elder Wanda Baxter and Allan Wemigwans

**12:00 PM: Opening Ceremony**

**Symposium**

**MC's:** Joe Misewace / Syndyn Baxter

**1:00 PM: Sacred Fire Ceremony**

Fire pit at the back of the school led by Edler John Gagnon and Leslie Spence. Supported by Elder Wanda Baxter and Allan Wemigwans

**1:45 PM: Grand Entry back to the MECC Gym**

Matawa Education drum group led by Steven Achneepineskum and Allan Wemigwans and supported by Thunder Mountain Drum Group

**2:30 PM: Speeches**

**Invited speakers:**

- All Matawa First Nation Chiefs in attendance
- MFNEA BOD President: Annamarie Majiskon
- Matawa First Nation CEO David Paul Achneepineskum
- Matawa Education Department Executive Director Sharon Nate
- WINHEC Visiting Committee Chair Cathy Ikeda
- **Exchange of gifts**

**3:00 PM: Māori discussion/sharing/dancing**

**3:30 PM: Blessing of the food by Elder Wanda Baxter**

**3:45 PM: Traditional Feast – Wisinin**

**4:45 PM: Closing song**

Matawa Education drum group led by Steven Achneepineskum and Allan Wemigwans and supported by Thunder Mountain Drum Group

**5:00 PM: Event concludes**