

Enhancing Indigenous Education Through Co-Creation Favoriser l'éducation des autochtones par la cocréation

GATHERING OF YOUTH WISDOM Carriers of Youth Wisdom Declaration

"We no longer need permission to practice our culture or to be successful in mainstream society. We need to feel safe and understood in all environments. We need to incorporate culture and language in our everyday lives.

Education can support this by: 1) implementing mandatory training on cultural knowledge and history for all Canadian teachers 2) implementing a national core-curriculum for all Indigenous and non-Indigenous students 3) providing a cultural resource worker for Indigenous students 4) supporting youth to participate in annual gatherings that engage youth from all Indigenous peoples with non-Indigenous Canadians.

We need to take control of Indigenous education as a holistic model and support cultural identity through play-based, land-based, and place-based learning - one that fosters language immersion.

Full support of mental health, physical wellness, arts and leadership will facilitate healing and help our nations grow in a strong and balanced way through the celebration and co-creation of our next generations' youth."

Agreed to, by consensus by each of the Carriers of Youth Wisdom, May 26th 2016:

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