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THE CONFEDERACY OF TREATY NO. 6 FIRST NATIONS CHIEFS ARE CONCERNED AND REJECT THE FUNDING REGIME PROPOSED FOR THE 2021-2022 K-12 EDUCATION ALLOCATIONS

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 Chiefs are concerned with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) approach in developing an Education funding formula based on comparability to the current Alberta Government's grant structure, and is inconsistent with the Treaty Right to Education, therefore the Nations do not agree nor give consent. The Treaty No.6 First Nations were not consulted, and that this approach was initiated without Free, Prior and Informed Consent of the Nations.

The current grant structure does not include other Government of Alberta Ministry of Education expenditures or expenditures at the school division level funded from other sources of revenue and the province can change its grant structure at any time.

The process of developing target allocations for 2021-2022 were sent to the First Nations in the latter half of December with limited opportunity to respond by December 31, 2020, which is an inadequate amount of time to allow the First Nations to conduct an analysis.

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 First Nations are seeking adequate funding to deliver the Education instructional and support services to their members and to effectively operate their schools and are requesting formal engagement with ISC to develop an appropriate, adequate, and predictable funding regime for First Nations education programs and services.

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 affirms that life-long learning Education is a Treaty and Inherent Right and First Nations have a right to control all aspects of education, from early childhood through post-secondary which must be honoured and respected.

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