

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee

ORIGINATOR: Bob Holt, Executive Director Instructional and Curricular Support Services

RESOURCE

STAFF: Donna Leask

INFORMATION

The Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee was formed in the fall of 2000 to provide a vehicle for the Aboriginal community to provide ongoing advice to the district on Aboriginal education issues and strategies.

Community members including Elders and Aboriginal high school students, along with representatives of several Aboriginal organizations or organizations serving Aboriginal people, serve on the Committee.

Since its inception, the Committee has worked with the Supervisor, Aboriginal Education in areas such as the ongoing development of Aboriginal Studies 10, 20 and 30 as well as the creation of a special Preamble to the district's Student Behavior and Conduct Policy. The Committee has also provided ideas for strengthening programming for Aboriginal students. At a special presentation held in the spring, members of the 2001-2002 Principal Committee met with the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee to increase awareness and facilitate cooperation between the two committees.

It is indeed encouraging that community members continue to willingly donate their time and expertise to support our district in its efforts to improve Aboriginal student achievement.

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