

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dossdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee

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RESOURCE
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INFORMATION

This report is intended to introduce the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee. Inclusion of the commitment to strengthen programming for Aboriginal students within the district's priority statements marked the district's commitment to Aboriginal Education and to improving the achievement of Aboriginal students within the district's schools. Amiskwaciy Academy is a notable example of the district acting on this commitment. The Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee is a further demonstration of the district's commitment to building more positive relationships among our schools, Aboriginal students and parents as well as community agencies and organizations that provide services to the Aboriginal community.

This committee works to provide the district with ongoing, broadly-based feedback, input and advice on matters related to issues faced by Aboriginal students and families in our schools. To date, the committee has established terms of reference, and has provided input regarding a number of issues pertaining to Aboriginal Education.

Committee members include Elders, community agency and organization representatives, and Aboriginal high school students. The Committee has met four times this current school year. Members have all been asked to make either a one or two year commitment.

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