

DATE: June 12, 2012
TO: Board of Trustees
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Recognition of National Aboriginal Day at the June 12, 2012 public Board meeting

BACKGROUND

In 1996, former Governor General Roméo A. Leblanc proclaimed June 21 to be marked each year in Canada as National Aboriginal Day. This date was selected to reflect Aboriginal peoples' observance of the summer solstice, an important time for many within Aboriginal communities. The significance of the event acknowledges the rights of Aboriginal peoples in Canada and celebrates the contributions and histories of the First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) peoples in Canada.

CURRENT SITUATION

Edmonton Public School board has honoured National Aboriginal Day at the public board meeting closest to June 21 for the past five years. Each year a new teaching is introduced in collaboration with local Elders and the FNMI team. This year the event and teaching will focus on Treaty 6. An informal luncheon will be provided to Trustees, Executive Team, FNMI and Diversity staff along with presentation participants prior to the board meeting. The lunch will be held in the Conference Centre at 12:30 pm.

KEY POINTS

- Opening in Prayer
- O Canada in Cree
- Treaty 6 Teachings
 - What is a Treaty
 - Treaty 6 Negotiations
 - Impacts of Treaty 6
- Presentation of Gift to Board
- Presentation of Gifts to Guest Speaker. Presenters and Students

ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES

N/A

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