



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

This Memorandum of Understanding dated this April 17, 2023

Between:

The Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF)

And

The Province of Manitoba

Whereas the Parties to this MOU are committed to developing a shared, evidence-based Métis education strategy and framework for improving the educational outcomes for Red River Métis learners in the province of Manitoba.

And Whereas the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) held an initial consultation on November 5 and 6 in Winnipeg, Manitoba with a broad array of educators to inform the development of a Métis-specific education strategy.

And Whereas the Province of Manitoba is committed to developing a long-term distinctions-based education strategy to improve the educational outcomes of Red River Métis students.

And Whereas the Minister of Education for the MMF and the Honourable Wayne Ewasko, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning have met and are in agreement that a dedicated working group should be established to develop a distinctions-based Métis education strategy and framework in consultation with the Manitoba Métis community and key education stakeholders.

AND SO THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

COMPOSITION OF THE RED RIVER MÉTIS EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

The Red River Métis Education Working Group will consist of individuals appointed by the Manitoba Métis Federation's Minister of Education and the Manitoba Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning. The Parties also agree to invite the participation of key education stakeholders including:

- Manitoba School Boards Association
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- The Manitoba Teachers' Society

- Council of School Leaders
- Indigenous Inclusion Directorate Advisory Council and the Directorate
- Student Achievement and Inclusion Division, including Learning and Outcomes Branch and Bureau de l'éducation française
- Early Learning and Childcare Division

SCOPE OF WORKING GROUP

The scope of the Red River Education Working Group shall include:

1. Learning and other supports that facilitate a healthy and cultural early learning environment for young Métis learners.
2. The nature and scope of the learning environment, associated supports, and curricula to facilitate the increased success of Métis learners in the K to 12 education system.
3. The support system to assist in the transition of Métis students to enter the workforce and/or colleges/universities and/or succeed in other educational opportunities (i.e. adult learning).
4. The data, best practices, and other research systems to track, benchmark, and improve Métis educational outcomes.
5. Develop policy recommendations to improve the education system for Métis learners.
6. The role of government, school boards, school divisions, and schools in coordinating education supports and achieving better educational outcomes for Métis learners.


In witness whereof the Parties to this MOU have signed on the dates indicated below:

Manitoba Métis Federation



Joan Ledoux
Minister of Education

Province of Manitoba



Minister Wayne Ewasko
Education and Early Childhood Learning