



**DATE:** December 21, 2022

**TO:** Board of Trustees

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**GOVERNANCE POLICY:** [Policy 700 – Superintendent of Schools](#)

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE:** Assurance Domain – [Student Growth & Achievement and Learning Supports](#)

**SUBJECT:** Aboriginal Studies 30 Course

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**PURPOSE:**

For information.

**BACKGROUND:**

Summer 2022, a new Aboriginal Studies 30 course was developed by two teachers from Sturgeon Composite High School. This course is far more engaging, diverse and teacher-friendly than its predecessor. Many students have indicated an interest in taking Aboriginal Studies 30 as it provides meaningful insight into the history and experience of Indigenous peoples in Canada and can now be used as an entrance requirement for several programs in post-secondary in place of Social Studies 30.

The course uses the Contemporary Issues text and is broken up into 4 themes: Aboriginal Rights and Self Government, Land Claims, People in Canadian Society, and World Issues. The course has been pre-built in both Google Classroom and Hapara workspaces to provide teachers with easy access and to support traditional, face-to-face teaching and online learning.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the December 21, 2022, Public Board meeting.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Not applicable.