



Date: April 24, 2024 **Agenda Item:** 8.1

To: Board of Trustees

From: Shawna Warren, Superintendent

Originator(s): Jonathan Konrad, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

Governance Policy: [Board Policy 225 - Role of the Board](#)
[Board Policy 700 - Superintendent of Schools](#)

Assurance Domain: Student Growth and Achievement
Local & Societal Context

Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS)

SLQS Competencies ([SLOS](#) / [Board Policy 700](#)):
Building Effective Relationships
Visionary Leadership

Subject: **2024 First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Gathering**

Purpose:

For information.

Background:

In partnership with Alberta Education, CASS (College of Alberta School Superintendents) will be hosting the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Gathering on April 24 - 26, 2024 at the Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton. The theme is **Kinship Relations for Student Success**.

To encourage kinship and continue learning together CASS requested school divisions nominate Elders, working in schools, to attend this gathering. The selected Elders represent nominations from a diverse range of school authorities, which include:

1. Alexander First Nation
2. Aspen View Public Schools
3. Battle River School Division
4. Canadian Rockies Public Schools
5. Edmonton Public Schools
6. Elk Island Catholic Schools
7. High Prairie School Division
8. Kainai Board of Education
9. Siksika Board of Education
10. Sturgeon Public Schools

In total, 26 nominations were received, demonstrating the strong relationships that school authorities have established and continue to foster.

Sturgeon Public School Division was informed that the nomination of Elder Adam North-Peigan was chosen to be sponsored as a guest of CASS at this event. Elder Adam has accepted the invitation to attend. This will be an exciting opportunity for Elder Adam to engage in cultural conversations and explore how kinship ties can enhance academic achievement and holistic well-being. Sturgeon Public Schools will also have several leaders attend this event. The delegation will bring back strategies to Sturgeon schools for building kinship and deepening Indigenous ways of knowing to support spiritual, academic, emotional and physical growth and success.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the April 24, 2024, Public Board meeting.

Attachment(s):

Not applicable.