

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION UNDER THE MASTER EDUCATION AGREEMENT

The Master Education Agreement (MEA) has a strong focus on research and evaluation on the successful implementation and outcomes of the MEA.

Section 10.6 of the MEA, for example, requires an evaluation of the success and effectiveness of Agreement and its implementation every 3 years and the results of these evaluations are to be considered in the development of future action plans of the Parties.

Part 16 of the Agreement on Reporting and Accountability commits the Parties to undertaking an external third-party evaluation of the outcomes and effectiveness of the MEA every 5 years.

In addition, the MEA incorporates ongoing monitoring and assessment of its implementation through the Joint Master Education Committee operations. This 10-member Committee is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the MEA and is comprised of 4 representatives from the Anishinabek First Nations, 1 representative from the Kinooaadziwin Education Body (KEB) and 5 representatives from the Ontario Ministry of Education (EDU).

The KEB on behalf of the Anishinabek Education System and EDU are also discussing a long-term research project to evaluate the outcomes of the MEA in relation to student success and well-being.

As well, the KEB and EDU are negotiating a *Data and Information Sharing Agreement* that will enable these research and evaluation commitments to be realized. The Data and Information Sharing Agreement will cover the sharing of data related to Anishinabek students attending both on-reserve and publicly-funded schools, and include a comprehensive range of education indicators associated with student participation, student achievement, student well-being, and the learning environment. Targeted information and data collection and sharing will also be considered as research and evaluation plans evolve. Areas such as student transitions and pathways, special education, and culture and language are important in this respect.

At this early stage it is important to get input from Forum participants on topics and issues that you believe are important to address in our research and evaluation plans. We are therefore asking you to take a few minutes to have a roundtable discussion on what you see as important research and evaluation topics and themes and write these down on the “Suggested Research and Evaluation Topics” form at your table.