

# WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS **OF ANISHINABEK STUDENTS**

The Multi-Year Action Plan is a three-year work plan that supports the implementation of the Master Education Agreement. The Journey Map Visual demonstrates the relationship between the Multi-Year Action Plan and the traditional Anishinabek governance Dodemaag system. Each of the projects in the Multi-Year Action Plan plays a role within the system.

At the centre of the visual, an infinite sweetgrass braid symbolizes the relationship between the Participating First Nations of the Anishinabek Education System, the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body, and the Ministry of Education. The relationship between these parties is the driving force of the Master Education Agreement and the Multi-Year Action Plan. For students of the Anishinabek Education System, collaboration between these parties is integral to supporting their educational journeys and their overall success and well-being.





## TRADITIONAL ANISHINABEK GOVERNANCE CLAN SYSTEM

#### TURTLE CLAN: LAW MAKERS

The Turtle Clan are the healers, and have knowledge of medicine and give advice. The Turtle Clan helps with decisions if there is a disagreement between the clans.

### LOON CLAN: INTERNAL

The loon dives and sees the happenings inside the water. The Loon Clan are known as the Inside Chief as they are responsible for settling disputes and issues within their community.

#### **CRANE CLAN: EXTERNAL**

The Crane stands in the water observing the world above the water line. The Crane observes the outside world and is known as the Outside Chief. The Outside Chief is responsible for negotiation with people from other communities (Nation-to-Nation).

#### **DEER CLAN: SOCIAL**

The Deer/Hoof Clan are known for their kindness, gentleness and soft spoken nature. The Deer/Hoof Clan are responsible for the social aspects of the community including ceremonies and celebrations.

#### **BEAR CLAN: HEALTH**

The Bear Clan are responsible for protecting their people to ensure the safety of the gentler clans inside the community. The Bear Clan are also the medicine people. They know the healing ways of plants.

Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund

> Joint Master Education Agreement Committee Operations

> > System-Wide Standards

Relationship Building for Anishinabek First Nations & School Boards

Implementation of Data and Information Sharing Agreement

Culture and Language

#### EAGLE CLAN: EDUCATION

The Eagle Clan, also known as the Bird Clan, are known to be the closest to the Creator as they are part of the sky world. The Eagle Clan are the keepers of knowledge and responsible for spreading seeds of knowledge.

#### MARTEN CLAN: ECONOMIC DEV.

The Marten Clan are the warriors and builders within their community as well as good hunters and providers. The Marten Clan became known as master strategists in planning the defense of their people they also adopt people who don't know which clan they belong to.