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Gaa-wenaabdamaang (resolution) # 14-2024

Approval of an Amendment to the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement to Change the Ratification Process to a Community Approval Process

MAAJIISKAATOON (Mover): Chief Gerry Duquette, Dokis First Nation

EKO-NIIZHING (Seconder): Gina Madahebe, Proxy, Aundeck-Omni-Kaning First Nation

***Zhibiigaateg** (Let it be said):*

1. the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement (the **ANEA**) includes a ratification process that requires a vote of all eligible voters 18 years and older with a threshold of 25% +1 of all eligible voters to approve the agreement and a second vote opportunity if the first vote did not meet the threshold; and
2. the Participating First Nations approved the ANEA using the ratification process set out in the Agreement; and
3. the Anishinabek First Nations have developed and approved a community approval process for the approval of the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement and the Anishinabek Nation Child, Youth, and Family Well-Being Tripartite Agreement;
4. the community approval process respects First Nation autonomy to use their own approval process to approve self-government agreements; and
5. the Anishinabek Education System Negotiations Team provided a report to the Participating First Nations on the community approval process and the draft amendments to the ANEA to allow new joiners to become part of the Anishinabek Education System;
6. the proposed changes to replace the ANEA ratification process with a community approval process do not affect the Participating First Nations because their ratification process is complete;
7. the KEB Chiefs Committee expressed their support for the amendment to replace the ratification process with a community approval process at the meeting on May 27, 2024;
8. the Participating First Nations acknowledge that each First Nation must pass a Band Council Resolution to amend the ANEA;

Now therefore, the First Nation Members of the Anishinabek Education System hereby direct that:

1. the Participating First Nations approve amendments to the ANEA as presented at the August 21, 2024 Annual General Meeting to replace the existing ratification process with a community approval process; and
2. direct the Anishinabek Education System Negotiations Team to take the necessary steps to effect the amendment to put a community approval process into the ANEA.

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NDOO-PKIDNAAMIN (in favour)	**NENDOWENDIZIG** (opposed)	**GEGOO E-KIDSIG** (abstentions)

STATUS: ☑ Approved ☐ Denied by decision of the Anishinabek Education System First Nations at the Annual General Meeting in Whitefish River First Nation, Ontario on Minoomini Giizis (August) 21, 2024.

Ozhibii'igewikwe (Secretary), Kinoomaadziwin Education Body Board of Directors