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August 20, 2026, Annual General Meeting
Gaa-wenaabdamaang (resolution) #14-2026

School Bus Driver Retention and Recruitment Bonus

MAAJIISKAATOON (Mover): Denis Restoule (Proxy), Dokis First Nation

EKO-NIIZHING (Seconder): Anita McGregor (Proxy), Whitefish River First Nation

ZHIBIIGAATEG (Let it be said):

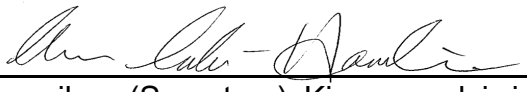
1. that before 2023, some Participating First Nations applied for and received funding from the Ministry of Education under the former Driver Retention Program; and
2. since 2023, the Ontario Ministry of Education allocates the Retention and Recruitment Bonus funding to Ontario District School Boards for school bus drivers as part of the Student Transportation Grant; and
3. that the Participating First Nations have no access to funding for the Retention and Recruitment Bonus through the Student Transportation Grant since this grant is only available for District School Boards; and
4. some Participating First Nations hire drivers to transport First Nation learners to District School Board schools; and
5. the Retention and Recruitment Bonus should be available to all drivers who transport learners to District School Board Schools; and
6. the Participating First Nations are seeking access to the Retention and Recruitment Bonus.

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

1. the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body negotiations team advance the First Nations request to the Ministry of Education through the Joint Master Education Agreement Committee to secure Retention and Recruitment Bonus funding for First Nation drivers who transport learners to District School Board schools as part of the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Government of Ontario.

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

BE-MINIDEG (Status): ☒ **Approved** ☐ **Denied** by the decision of the Anishinabek Education System Participating First Nations at the August 20, 2026, Annual General Meeting on Datgaagmin Giizis (Blackberry Moon).

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