



Benefits of creating a Maskwacis Cree School System: ***BREATHING LIFE INTO THE TREATY RELATIONSHIP***

Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) is a transitional organization that was created by the Maskwacis Chiefs and Councils to research and work towards building a single Maskwacis Cree school system.

1. BEST QUALITY OF EDUCATION FOR ALL MASKWACIS CHILDREN

Focusing on student achievement, school performance, and high quality ECS-Grade 12 educational programming by:

- improved Cree, literacy, and numeracy achievement results
- ability to retain excellent teachers and support staff (i.e. fair salary grids)
- improved information management (i.e. achievement and attendance)
- improved accountability and transparency to parents, community, and Chiefs and Councils
- ensuring that all Maskwacis children receive the full benefits of their treaty right to education

2. FOLLOWING THE CREE WAY - WAHKOHTOWIN

Maskwacis Education will continue to indigenize curriculum, practices and policies by infusing Cree culture, language, traditions, perspectives, history and values into the school system

3. GREATER ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND SERVICES

An anticipated move towards a more sustainable and comprehensive funding model based on a treaty relationship will:

- provide greater resources and offer a wider range of supports and educational consulting services to Maskwacis schools and students
- create a more flexible and effective central administration through shared administrative functions, such as human resources, financial management, and information technology which will lead to more funds for student needs
- ensure the Maskwacis education system can operate to a standard equivalent to or better than provincial schools



A Maskwacis Cree School Board: FOCUS ON MASKWACÎS DEFINED SUCCESS

Maskwacis Cree Nations Chiefs and Councils will:

1. Delegate responsibility for all ECS - Grade 12 education programs, services and resources to a single educational system.

This new educational system will be governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of members from each of the Four Nations of Maskwacis: (Ermineskin, Samson, Louis Bull, Montana) and Pigeon Lake that will have fully delegated authority and be responsible for:

- operating ECS - Gr. 12 schools
- providing first and second level education funding and services
- providing a quality of education that enables Maskwacis students to graduate with a recognized Alberta High School Diploma or Certificate, transfer to provincial schools and qualify for post-secondary education
- accountability to parents, Chiefs and Councils, and each of the four Maskwacis Nations for student outcomes
- developing a formalized structure for parent involvement in their local schools
- ensuring sound financial management

***The anticipated date of the new Maskwacis Cree school system is
September 2018***