



## **Maskwacis Education Schools Commission**

The Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) is the new amalgamated school authority in Maskwacis, Alberta. Its 11 schools serve approximately 2200 students from Ermineskin Cree Nation, Louis Bull Tribe, Montana First Nation and Samson Cree Nation.

With a renewed focus on Cree language and culture, MESC schools offer a strong balance between local Nehiyaw (Cree) core values according to the Maskwacis Declaration on Education and provincial academics as outlined in Alberta Education Programs of Study.

Maskwacis is located between Wetaskiwin and Ponoka on Highway 2A, approximately 60 minutes south of Edmonton and 60 minutes north of Red Deer. 10 of the 11 schools are located in Maskwacis proper, with one school located at Mameo Beach near Pigeon Lake, Alberta.

### **Position**

MESC invites applications for the following position(s):

#### **Competition No. 2019.01.SC.01.NSS**

***Full-Time (1.0 FTE) Probationary School Counsellor Position at Nipisihkopahk Secondary School (Grades 7-12) for the 2018-2019 school year.***

***This position is a very dynamic, fast-paced role within the school environment, working in prevention, intervention, and crisis response.***

#### **Job Description**

The School Counsellor is responsible for providing collaborative services to support students that are experiencing social/emotional difficulties that are impacting the student's ability to learn, as well as their overall wellness. These services are provided through intervention counselling, individual counseling, targeted counselling, and universal programming.

#### **The successful candidate will:**

- Develop and implement a yearly counselling plan, in collaboration with school administration and the Director of Counselling and Student Wellness, that is reflective of the needs of the school.
- Provide informal assessment and intervention that may include individual, targeted and/or universal strategies, referral and follow up.
- Ensure that a continuum of preventive, developmental, remedial, and intervention services are provided to students and their families to support student learning and wellness.

## 2019.01.SC.01.NSS - Junior/Senior High School Counsellor Position

- Develop, conduct, and support workshops, training, and in-service presentations on various approaches, strategies and techniques to support students exhibiting emotional, behavioural, and social difficulties.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with community elders, cultural advisors and parents/guardians of students with wellness and/or counselling needs.
- Foster relationships and builds partnership with community supports
- Assist in the referral and advocacy process for community based resources and outside agencies including Health Services and Mental Health.

### Qualifications

The successful candidate will possess:

- Minimum Bachelor Degree in Social Work or related Human Services field
- Masters degree in Counselling or related field will be considered an asset
- 3+ years of experience providing counselling services, preferably within a school environment.
- Knowledge of Cree language and culture will be considered an asset.
- Experience in working with trauma will be considered an asset.

***This posting will remain open until Friday, February 1, 2019 at 4:00pm. Application packages submitted after that time will not be considered for shortlisting purposes.***

### How to Apply

A complete Application Package will include the following:

1. **Cover Letter and Resume**, including the competition no. in both documents.
2. **Three Professional References**, including their direct contact information.
3. Copy of **relevant registrations and certifications**.
4. **Philosophy of School Counselling**. This is a one to two page document where you describe your philosophy of working with children who have emotionally and psychologically diverse needs in a school setting.
5. **Reference Release Form**. This form is available for download from the MESC Website (Employment Tab).

Please submit complete Application Packages to the

**Maskwacis Education Schools Commision**  
**People Services Branch**  
[hr@maskwacised.ca](mailto:hr@maskwacised.ca)

We appreciate and consider all applications; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.