



Maskwacis Education Schools Commission

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Honourable Adriana LeGrange
Minister of Education
228 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB, T5K 2B6

Re: Curriculum

Dear Minister LaGrange:

I am writing on behalf of the Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) Board of Governors to express significant concerns with the draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 (K-6) curriculum released (March 29, 2021) for piloting this fall and implementation in 2022.

On November 2, 2020, we drafted a letter to you outlining the concerns we identified with the leaked draft curriculum that minimized First Nations history, perspectives, contributions, and experiences, including Residential Schools and their legacy.

This letter is to inform the Ministry that our school authority does not support the draft K-6 curriculum as released and we will not pilot nor implement the curriculum. The curriculum should be inclusive and unbiased, age-appropriate, and include the true and complete history of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit as essential knowledge for all students in Alberta, in order for reconciliation to occur.

Moving forward, MESC will continue to work on a local curriculum that is reflective, respectful, and inclusive of the history, contributions, experiences, and perspectives of families and Residential Schools survivors and generations across our Nations.

MESC is committed to maintaining an open, respectful, and transparent partnership with the Government of Alberta and the Ministry of Education as well as a commitment to the Maskwacis Cree - Alberta Government Framework Agreement.

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Dr. Shauna Bruno
Chair, MESC Board of Governors

cc: Andre Tremblay, Deputy Minister, Alberta Education
Heather Caltagirone, ADM, Curriculum Division, Alberta Education
Honourable Rick Wilson, MLA Maskwacis - Wetaskiwin