



# Education Department Introduction

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# Alexander Canning – Education Manager

Education Department responsibilities include:

- Management of Early Childhood Education Services provided by the Dakii Yadze Centre staff.
- Provide oversight of public school education services to help ensure that they meet the education needs of WMFN school children.

- Maintain communication with teachers, parents / guardians and students to help support achievement of mutually agreed education goals.
- Participate in committees, panels and workshops to advance the education goals of West Moberly First Nations.

- Help organize and present annual local education projects such as:
  - Winter Warmers Program (Boots)
  - Students Christmas Gifts Program
  - Stay in School Awards Program
- Administer and implement sponsorship agreements on behalf of adult students registered for post-secondary programs:

- Help create and regularly update post-secondary education policies to ensure fair and equitable access to those services.
- Prepare and submit funding applications and budgets to sponsoring organizations as well as subsequently provide them with the associated expenditure reports.

- Maintain regular communication with sponsored post-secondary students and ensure that they continue to receive the financial and other supports that they require to achieve their education goals.
- Administer and implement sponsorship agreements on behalf of adult students registered for safety courses and other workforce training that they require for employment.

- Prepare and submit proposals to funding organizations for projects approved by Council in support of the educational needs of the WMFN Community

## What we've done so far:

- Purchased and distributed computer devices for all WMFN K to 12 students to help them access distributed learning and home-based studies.
- Helped to create and joined an Joint Oversight Team to implement the Local Education Agreement negotiated with SD #59.
- Completed updating the 2020 – 2021 local school transportation agreement.



- Completed an update of the Post-Secondary Student Support Program Policy.
- Applied for and received two major funding grants to help address COVID-19 impacts on the education of local WMFN students.
- Created an Education Strategic Plan, Multi-Year Workplan, and a Three-Year Workplan.
- Updated the WMFN Education Manager's Job Description.

Sponsored Full-Time WMFN Post-Secondary Students Who Have Graduated or Who Are Expected to Graduate This Term:

(Names Withheld for Privacy Reasons)

- Master of Business Administration Program - Simon Fraser University (Graduated)
- Master of Science Degree, Occupational Therapy - University of Alberta (Year Three) (Graduated)
- Classical Animation Diploma, Vancouver Film School - Year 2 (Graduated)
- Digital Marketing Diploma, Robertson College - Year Two (Graduated)
- Bachelor of Applied Science Degree, UBC (Year Five) (Expected Graduation)
- Civil Engineering Technologist Diploma, SAIT (Year Two) (Expected Graduation)
- Bachelor of Commerce Degree, UNBC (Year Four) (Expected Graduation)
- Bachelor of Science Degree, Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba (Year Five) (Expected Graduation)

Sponsored Full-Time WMFN Post-  
Secondary Students Who Are Working  
Towards Graduation at a Future Date:

(Names Withheld for Privacy Reasons)

- Bachelor of Science Degree, Engineering – Thompson Rivers University (Year Three)
- Bachelor of Arts Program, University of British Columbia (Year Three)
- Master of Arts Degree Program – Simon Fraser University (Year One)
- Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, Briercrest College (Year One)
- Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, Kinesiology – Vancouver Island University (Year Three) Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, Kinesiology Capilano University (Year One)
- Master of Fine Arts Degree Program, University of British Columbia (Year One)
- Bachelor of Science Degree, Environmental Engineering, University of Saskatchewan – Year One)
- Gas Turbine Engine Maintenance Diploma, Neeginan College, Winnipeg, MB – Year One

## What we plan on doing:

- Complete an update of the Employment, Trades and Career Training Policy.
- Implement a local Tutoring Support Project to provide local WMFN school students with virtual and/or in-person tutors.
- Work with the North East British Columbia Consortium to organize and distribute the 2021 Stay in School Awards to eligible WMFN school students.

- Submit a proposal to Council to consider hiring an Employment and Training Coordinator to work with the Education Department to guide and assist individual members with their career planning, employment preparation and job searches.
- Develop and advertise a student summer employment program to employ local WMFN youth.

Questions?