

MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Dominic Giroux
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DATE: November 6, 2007

SUBJECT: Circle of Light: FNMI Education Conference, November 26-28, 2007, and
Directors Meeting, November 29, 2007

I am very excited to see such a strong response by school boards to the *Circle of Light: First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Conference* at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre on November 26-28, 2007. Registrations are filling up very fast, and few weeks from the event, there are only about 100 seats available so I encourage all school boards who haven't done so to submit their registrations as soon as possible, particularly for superintendents, principals and teachers. Registration is available at the conference web site at: www.circleoflight2007.ca

Following the conference, I look forward to seeing you at our regular meeting of Directors of Education on Aboriginal education, on the morning of Thursday, November 29 where we will be able to continue the discussion from Ben Levin's closing session at the conference on how we can move forward on implementing the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework in support of Aboriginal student achievement. Please see the attached agenda for the meeting. RSVP to Janet Wilkinson regarding your attendance at the meeting by November 16, 2007.

I also wanted to remind you that the 14th Annual Canadian Aboriginal Festival at the Rogers Centre is on the weekend following the conference, which is a fantastic opportunity to see a stunning display of nearly 1,000 First Nation dancers and drum singing groups from across North America. The festival begins with Education Day on Friday, November 30, with the Pow Wow on Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2. More information about the event is available on their website at: <http://www.canab.com/index.html>



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C: EDU Senior Management Team and Directors
Janet Wilkinson, Director, Keewatin-Patricia District School Board
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Attachment