

MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION OPERATES AS MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE REFERRED TO AS "MHPSD" AND/OR "DIVISION"

SECTION 700 – Educational Program

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE: INDIGENOUS VOICE

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Policy Reference: 710 – First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education	

PROCEDURE

The following acknowledgements of Indigenous peoples, cultures, and traditional territories is a recommended best practice across Canada. It is in alignment with the process and practice of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and the subsequent ‘Calls to Action’. It is recommended that these acknowledgements are pronounced at the beginning of gatherings as part of the welcome address or opening remarks.

BASIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (*recommendation - to be included in small, internally focused events*)

Medicine Hat Public School Division (or school site) would like to acknowledge we are on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the people of the Treaty 7 region of southern Alberta. We would like to acknowledge and honour the homeland of the Métis people. We would also like to acknowledge the traditional knowledge holders and elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before of us.

EXTENDED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (*recommendation - to be included in remarks at large public events, graduations, building openings, and conferences*)

Medicine Hat Public School Division would like to acknowledge that the land we are on today is in the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy. The people of this Treaty 7 region, signed at Blackfoot Crossing in 1877, consist of three First Nations:

1. Kainai [gai-nah] or Blood;
2. Piikani [pee-kah-nee] or Peigan, and;
3. Siksika [seeg-see-kah] or Blackfoot.

Treaty 7 region of southern Alberta also includes:

1. The Tsuu T’ina [soo-ten-ah] or Sarcee, and;
2. Stoney Nakoda [nah-koh-dah] First Nations.

We would like to acknowledge and honour that we are also on the homeland of the Metis people. We would also like to acknowledge the traditional knowledge holders and elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before of us.

REFERENCES

Treaty 7

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

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