



News Release

Halton School Boards Invite Community Members to Participate in Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee

Burlington, ON - June 19, 2009 - The Halton Catholic and Halton District School Boards are establishing a joint Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC). The purpose of this committee will be to provide ongoing advice to the boards on matters relating to the education of Aboriginal students and to assist the school boards in identifying the needs of the Aboriginal communities in Halton.

The Boards invite parents, community members and community agencies that meet the following criteria to submit an application:

- a resident or agency of Halton;
- at least 18 years of age or older;
- interested in developing an awareness and understanding of First Nation, Métis and Inuit history, traditions and culture for all students;
- interested in enhancing First Nation, Métis and Inuit students' sense of belonging in order to foster success; and
- interested in increasing the participation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit parents, students, communities and organizations.

Deadline for applications is July 6, 2009. To download an application form, please [click here](#).

The *Ministry of Education* has identified Aboriginal education as one of its key priorities with a focus on meeting two primary challenges by the year 2016 – to improve achievement among First Nations, Métis and Inuit students; and to close the gap between Aboriginal and non-aboriginal students in the areas of literacy and numeracy, retention of students in school, graduation rates, and advancement to post-secondary studies.

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