



FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT EDUCATION GATHERING PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

WYNDHAM HOTEL APRIL 30 (7 PM) – MAY 2 (1PM) 2025

THEME : WAHKOTAMOWIN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



TIME	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 – PRE-CONFERENCE			
	SESSION 1 2:30 – 3:30 PM WOMEN’S PIPE TEACHINGS	SESSION 2 2:30 – 3:30 PM MEN’S PIPE TEACHINGS	SESSION 3 1:00 – 3:00 PM CEREMONY AND VISIT TO TO THE MANITOU STONE – ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM WITH ELDER LEONARD BASTIEN	SESSION 4 9:45 AM – 3:30 PM VISIT THE MÉTIS CROSSING
TIME	WEDNESDAY - APRIL 30, 2025 (EVENING)			LOCATION
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration			<i>Foyer</i>
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Pipe Ceremony			<i>Ballroom</i>
7:00 – 8:15 PM	Grand Entry, Welcome to the Territory and Announcement of the Grand Entry Opening Blessing / Lighting the Qulliq Welcome to the Gathering – CASS CEO David Keohane Greetings from Dignitaries			<i>Ballroom</i>
8:15 – 9:00 PM	Opening: Métis Jigging and Fiddling featuring Darla Daniels, Matt Patenaude, Allie & Bella Parry and Ivy Brandsma			
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Reception (appetizers only; no meal and no alcohol will be served)			
TIME	THURSDAY - MAY 1, 2025			LOCATION
7:30 – 8:15 AM	Registration and Buffet Breakfast			<i>Foyer</i>
8:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions, Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement Gold Sponsor Remarsk Keynote Speaker: Indigenous Youth Panel			<i>Ballroom</i>
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Wellness and Networking Break			

THURSDAY - MAY 1, 2025

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1 - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room
<p>askîhk kiskinohamâtowin - Learning from the Land, Métis Land-Based Learning</p> <p>Rupertsland Institute</p> <p>Holly Brandsma & Lisa Cruickshank</p>	<p>Aunties and Uncles in Training</p> <p>Red Deer Catholic Schools</p> <p>Jonathan Mauro, Tracy Skinner & Pamela Neuman</p>	<p>Cree Teachings re: Wahkotamowin</p> <p>with Elder Calvin Cardinal</p>	<p>Denesuline Teachings re: Sughenai (Wahkotamowin)</p> <p>with Elder Lynda Minoose</p>	<p>Manitou Asinîy (Sacred Stone)</p> <p>with Piikani Elder Leonard Weasel Traveller (Bastien)</p>	<p>Métis Teachings re: Wahkotamowin</p> <p>with Cheryl Devin & Susan Sinclair</p>	<p>Priority One-Connections that Support Reconciliation</p> <p>Northland School Division</p> <p>Cal Johnson, Debbie Mineault, Scott Meunier, Krista Veitch & Mark Owens</p>	<p>Responding to the Calls from Indigenous Youth for Language Revitalization and Intercultural Exchanges</p> <p>University of Calgary</p> <p>Dr. Jennifer Markides and School Authority Partners</p>	<p>Truth, Reconciliation and the Classroom: Empowering Educators with Foundational Indigenous Resources</p> <p>Alberta Professional Learning Consortium</p> <p>Sandra Ciurysek, Barbra Deskin & Jason Bigcharles</p>

12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH / SPONSOR AND ARTISAN ENGAGEMENT

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2

1:30 – 2:30 P.M.				1:30 – 3:30 P.M.				
Room 60-minute session	Room 60-minute session	Room 60-minute session	Room 60-minute session	Room 120-minute session	Room 120-minute session	Room 120-minute session	Room 120-minute session	Room 120-minute session
<p>Fostering Connection and Reconciliation: The Role of Indigenous Kinship Clubs and TRC Recommendations in Our Schools</p> <p>University of Alberta and Fort McMurray Public Schools</p>	<p>Minister's Youth Council</p> <p>Sarah Spenrath & Minister's Youth Council Members</p>	<p>Our Journey So Far: One School Division's Experience Beginning an Indigenous Learning Branch</p> <p>Rocky View Schools</p> <p>Cindy Stefanato, Gretchen Riel, Trish</p>	<p>The Importance of Kinship</p> <p>Parkland School Division</p> <p>Dean Bernard & Leanne Traverse</p>	<p>Exploring the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program's (ATEP) PLAR Pathways to Accelerate Teacher Education Recruitment and Completion</p> <p>ATEP University of Alberta</p>	<p>Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program (IYMP) - in an Urban Setting for the First Time</p> <p>Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools & Ever Active Schools</p> <p>Diane Gardipy, Dr. Teena Starlight & Local Elders</p>	<p>Kainai Board of Education Buffalo Harvest</p> <p>Kainai Board of Education</p> <p>Sandra Singer & Janelle Shade</p>	<p>Living Wahkohtowin: Ribbons of Reconciliation to Threads of Connection</p> <p>Wild Rose School Division</p> <p>Billie-Jo Grant, Crystal Clark,</p>	<p>Nîhiyaw kiskinohamâkîwinih k nâkacîwîn (Excellence in Indigenous Education)</p> <p>Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority (KTCEA)</p>

Dr. Trudy Cardinal, Nazia Hiscock & Thomas Andrews		McCallum & Stacey Dyck		Dr. Evelyn Steinhauer, Dr. Maryanne Doherty, Dr. Zahra Kasamali, Ceci Cardinal, Kelly Ryan			Melissa McCarthy & Fayth Armson	Gwena Cunningham, Wendy Calahasen, Lindy Fors	
2:30 – 3:00 P.M.	WELLNESS AND NETWORKING TIME								
BREAKOUT SESSIONS 3 - 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.									
Room 60-minute session	Room 60-minute session	Room 60-minute session	Room 60-minute session						
Education for Reconciliation: Cultivating Social - Emotional Intelligence in Social Studies Impact Society Lauren Remple & Chris Primeau	Indigenizing Curriculums & Cultural Revitalization Legacy of Hope Teresa Edwards & Migwuhn Twenish	Isikisimu Connections to the Spirit of Wahkotamowin Cheyla Meeres & Goota Demarais	Weaving Wicihitiwin: Role of Community-based Organizations in Indigenous Education Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association Madison Properzi						
SESSIONS END AT 3:30 P.M.									
5:30 – 6:00 PM 6:00 – 7:30 PM 7:30 – 8:30 PM	Banquet Mix & Mingle Banquet Dinner Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marie Wilson							Ballroom	

TIME	FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025								LOCATION
7:30 – 8:15 AM	Registration and Buffet Breakfast								Foyer
8:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions, Opening Prayer Gold Sponsor Remarks Keynote Speaker: Dr. Niigaan Sinclair								Ballroom
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Wellness and Networking Break								
BREAKOUT SESSIONS 4									
10:00– 11:00 AM 1-hour sessions	Room - Ballroom	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room
	28-Day Challenge through the Book Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World and Become a Good Ancestor Northwest Regional Learning Consortium Kim Barker-Kay	A Taste of Culture - paskwa mostos (Bison), A New Hot Lunch Experience High Prairie School Division Jamie Chalifoux & Brennan McDonald	Braided Journeys: Innovative Supports for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Edmonton Catholic School Division Elyse Wood & Pam Sparklingeyes	Ê Mâmahoh Ôpikîyahk: We Are Growing Together Alberta Mentoring Partnership & Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program Sarah Chan and Dr. Teena Starlight	Hearing Perspectives: A Journey Toward Staff Wellness at Kainai Board of Education Kainai Board of Education Siipiinai (Cam Shade) & Amber Hester	Holistic Structures and Supports in Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Wolf Creek Public Schools Erin Tisdale & Josephine Small	Putting Heartwork into Practice: Exploring Preservice Teacher Practicum Experiences in the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program ATEP, University of Alberta Dr. Evelyn Steinhauer, Danielle Steele & ATEP kiskinwahamakewak	Reconnecting With Our Roots Medicine Hat Public Schools Darrell Willier, Courtney Lagasse & Shirley Boomer	Walking Alongside You(th) Research Partnership Opportunities University of Calgary Dr. Jennifer Markides, Angie Tucker, Steve Whitaker & Erin Walls
11:00 – 11:10 AM	Transition Break								
11:10 – 11:50 AM	Closing Keynote: Witness to Education Gathering and Calls to Action								Ballroom
11:50 AM – 12:10 PM	Closing Ceremony and Retirement of the Flags								
12:10 – 1:00 PM	Lunch and Prize Draws								

Delegates will receive a copy of:

- [The True Canadians Forgotten Nevermore](#), authored by **Patricia Russell and David Wylynko**, provided by Rupertsland Institute
- [Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action](#) booklet, published by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR)

[Legacy of Hope Foundation](#) exhibits **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: September 30th** and **How to be an Ally** will be available for viewing individually and/or in a session.

There will be a beautiful Indigenous **Artisan Market Place** for some unique opportunities to shop and support local Indigenous artisans. The Market Place is in the hallway space by the banquet office outside Room 16.

In appreciation for the presenters sharing their knowledge, stories, and expertise, CASS will donate to the [Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program](#) through Ever Active Schools.

We are proud to go green, finding a balance between saving trees and providing delegates with enough information before hand to ensure smooth movement from session to session. **Please download and print documents you feel you will need.** Please also bring your reusable cup or water bottle to reduce waste.

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