

Imagine

FIRST NATIONS
EARLY LEARNERS
AS NATION
BUILDERS



MANITOBA INSIGHTS 2NOV17

Who I Am and Where I Come From



What is a Treaty 4 Nation Builder?

Elders and Knowledge Keepers from across the territory, are working with us to determine what Knowledge, Skills and Characteristics.

Treaty 4 Nation Builders give us a place to focus far far into the future, inspired by our ancestors.

This is about honouring the learning journey of our young people beyond a Grade 12 Certificate.



Four Things To Share



We Have Always Known

- We exercise our Inherent Rights to Education
- These are affirmed and protected in the Royal Proclamation, s. 32 Constitution and s. 25 of the Human Rights Charter
- These rights are inherent to our peoples, given by Creation
- We have survived, not without terrible scars
- We are looking toward the future, and healing



Inherent Rights

A Promise was Made

- The Treaties were made with the Crown, not Canada
- Canada, not INAC, has a responsibility to uphold and honour the treaties
- The promise for education to learn “the cunning of the white man” in order to “live and prosper and provide”*
- Our ancestors saw the treaties as living documents, *as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers run*

*Carr-Stewart, Sheila (2001), Canadian Journal of Education



Treaty Rights

Our Future Depends on This

- Closing the education gap would generate a cumulative GDP gain of up to 261B between 2011-2031*
- The resourcefulness, creativity and richness of First Nations cultures could shift the paradigm in many fields – education, health, justice
- Children grow up learning to walking respectfully in many worlds – a demonstration of reconciliation in action

*Centre for the Study on Living Standards, June 2015



Treaty Implementation

Our Shared Future will Flourish

- The TRC lists 94 calls to action – a place to start
- The MMIW Inquiry will reveal more
- The 60s Scoops (50-80)
- Jordan's Principle and the CHR Tribunal Decision on FN Child Welfare
- First Nations Education – federal schools



Reconciliation

Landon's Early Literacy Journey

We are just 8.5 years old, on our own pathway of learning.

We have the wisdom of seven generations guiding us.

We have the expertise and support of many partners in learning.

Treaty 4 Nation Builders



Click on
[me](#) to
view, "We
are
Nation
Builders"
video

Thank you, Migwec, Wopida

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the amazing First Nations I work for, please contact me:

Lori Whiteman

lwhiteman@educationalliance.ca

306 550 5770

Visit us on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter
or on the www:

educationalliance.ca

