

November 2, 2021

Memorandum to: Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities
Supervisory Officers of School Boards
Indigenous Education Board Leads
Indigenous Trustees

From: Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

Subject: Treaties Recognition Week 2021, November 1-7, 2021

Ontario is marking the sixth annual Treaties Recognition Week this year, taking place from November 1-7, 2021. Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights, treaty relationships, and their relevance today.

Learning about treaties and the histories, perspectives and contributions of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples is an important part of the learning experience for all Ontario students.

The Ministry of Education works with the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs every year to support and amplify its annual public awareness campaign to increase knowledge and understanding of treaties and treaty relationships. This campaign includes resources that can be used by Ontario teachers in the classroom to plan activities about treaties. Most of these resources can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties-recognition-week>. The Indigenous Education Office's Education Officers will also be reaching out to your boards to provide access to a Treaties Recognition Educator Toolkit, which includes:

- Living Library events and information on how to register your class for sessions where Indigenous Elders and knowledge keepers share their perspectives and experiences around treaties with elementary and secondary students.

Date	Theme	Presenter
Nov. 3, 1:30 – 3:00	Trick or Treaty	Dr. Maurice Switzer
Nov. 5, 10:30 – 11:30	Red, Right and True: An Indigenous World View	Dr. Duke Redbird

- An interactive treaties map and curriculum guide, as well as word-search and a treaties in Ontario map colouring page for students to learn about treaties in a fun and interactive way.
- Videos: Indigenous Voices and Treaties.

To increase our knowledge of treaties and treaty relationships, many events will be happening in schools across the province during the Treaty Recognition Week. You are encouraged to reach out to local Indigenous communities, Elders and knowledge keepers to explore local opportunities for student and community learning.

To learn more about Treaties Recognition Week, please visit <http://www.ontario.ca/treaties>.

You can also reach out to the Indigenous Education Office's Education Officers if you have questions. Their contact information is included below:

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I look forward to learning about our collective treaty responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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- Executive Director, Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques (AFOCSC)
- Executive Director, Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)
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