

The Indigenous Education Initiative

Advancing innovation and equity in on-reserve schools.



Education is one of our most sacred and inherent treaty rights. It is our path forward and it is the legacy that we leave for our children.

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OUR MANDATE

Aligned with Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action, the goal of Headwater Learning Solutions' Indigenous Education Initiative is to improve educational outcomes for on-reserve, Indigenous youth on a national scale.

Through multiple customized projects, the Initiative seeks to positively impact 1,000 Indigenous children directly by 2025 and to inform public policy on how on-reserve K-12 educational needs can be best addressed.

INITIATIVE PROJECTS SEEK TO CREATE:



ACHIEVEMENT

High-performing schools that maximize choice and opportunities for students both on and off reserve.



SUSTAINABILITY

The capacity amongst partner First Nations to maintain and advance their high performing school(s).



SCALABILITY

Our wrap-around educational models are customized to respond to the individual needs of First Nation communities.

PROGRESS TO DATE

2016-2017

Initial Consultation

Over the course of a year, 25 conversations were conducted with experts across a range of disciplines including academics, historians, educators, Indigenous leaders, and school leaders as part of a comprehensive needs assessment. Additionally, six site visits to First Nations across Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon were carried out.

2017-2020

The Exemplar Project

The Exemplar Project co-created with our partner First Nation a three-year on-reserve project that: established a cultural orientation initiative, developed capacity to address complex social issues, Indigenized the curriculum and instructional delivery, and closed and avoided learning and achievement gaps. The project learnings are shared intellectual property and can be scaled to create effective approaches in other Indigenous communities across Canada.

2020-NOW

Realizing the Vision

Advocacy for the expansion of the Indigenous Education Initiative is currently underway with government officials and First Nation leaders. A signed letter of understanding is in place with a second partner school, and we are actively seeking additional opportunities.

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