



Sault College Media Advisory

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Sault College to sign Indigenous Education Protocol for Colleges and Institutes

Date: Friday, March 13, 2015

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Enji Maawnjiding Native Education Centre

Sault College

443 Northern Avenue

Sault Ste. Marie, ON

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON March 9, 2015) In order to reaffirm the importance of Indigenous education, Colleges and Institutes Canada, in consultation with its members and partners in indigenous communities, has developed an Indigenous Education Protocol.

On Friday, March 13 at 11:00 a.m., Dr. Ron Common, President of Sault College, Peter Berlingieri, Chair, Sault College Board of Governors, Marnie Yourchuk, NETC Chair and James Scott, Native Student Council President, will sign a national document that underscores the importance of structures and approaches required to address Indigenous peoples' learning needs and support self-determination and socio-economic development of Indigenous communities. The protocol is founded on seven principles that aim to guide the institutions who will sign the document.

In honour of this signing, various community stakeholders will be in attendance, including those from nearby First Nations. There will be a pipe ceremony, women hand drummers performing, and refreshments will be served.

Parking is available off Willow in the visitor lot located behind the Health and Wellness building. The public, staff, students, alumni, board members, community partners and retirees of Sault College are invited to witness and take part of this event.

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About Sault College Native Education

Sault College continues to enrol, educate, and graduate Native students from programs across the College. The Native student population has grown rapidly over the past few years, and we are committed to serving ever-larger numbers of Native learners during the years ahead. Dedicated to Native student success, our Native Education Department offers a unique learning environment which embraces language, culture, and traditions with an emphasis placed on student success strategies that will assist students in achieving excellence both academically and in their chosen career. Sault College, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is one of 24 community colleges in Ontario. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca for more information.

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