

COO Overview Special Education

**COO Special Education Information Sharing
Forum**

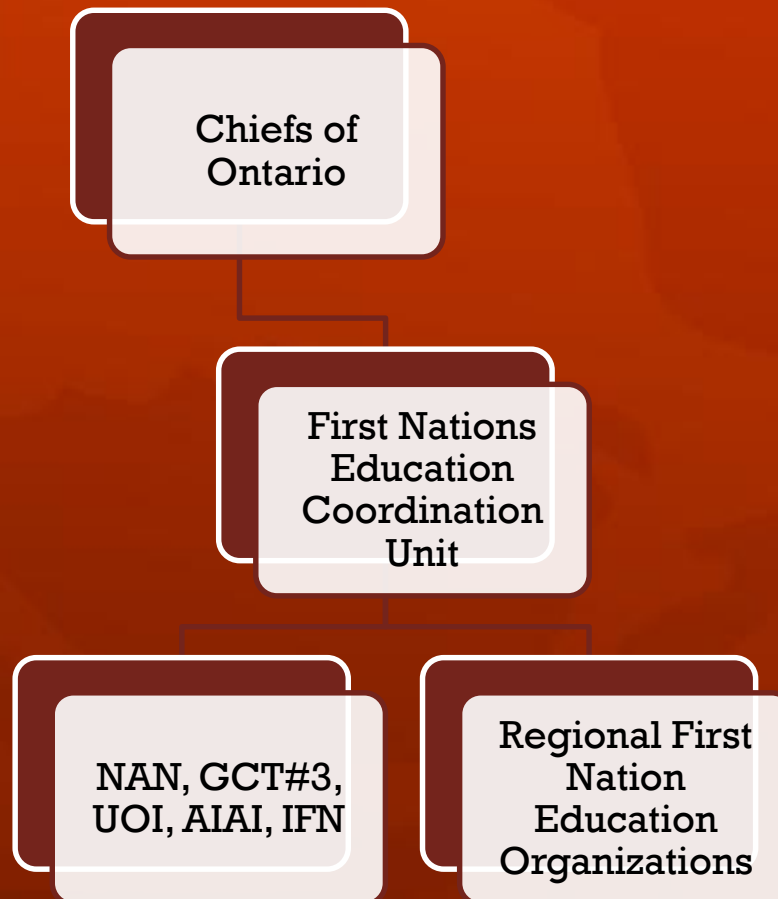
Mental Health and Drug Related Issues

Toronto

October 24th-25th, 2017

COO - WHO'S WHO?

First Nations Education Coordination Unit (FNECU)



OFNSEWG

The Ontario First Nation Special Education Working Group (a subcommittee of the FNECU) is mandated to use a collaborative approach to develop a common understanding and direction of the formal Special Education Program for First Nation students:

- Communication
- Regional funding methodology
- Program administration
- Coordination of special education services

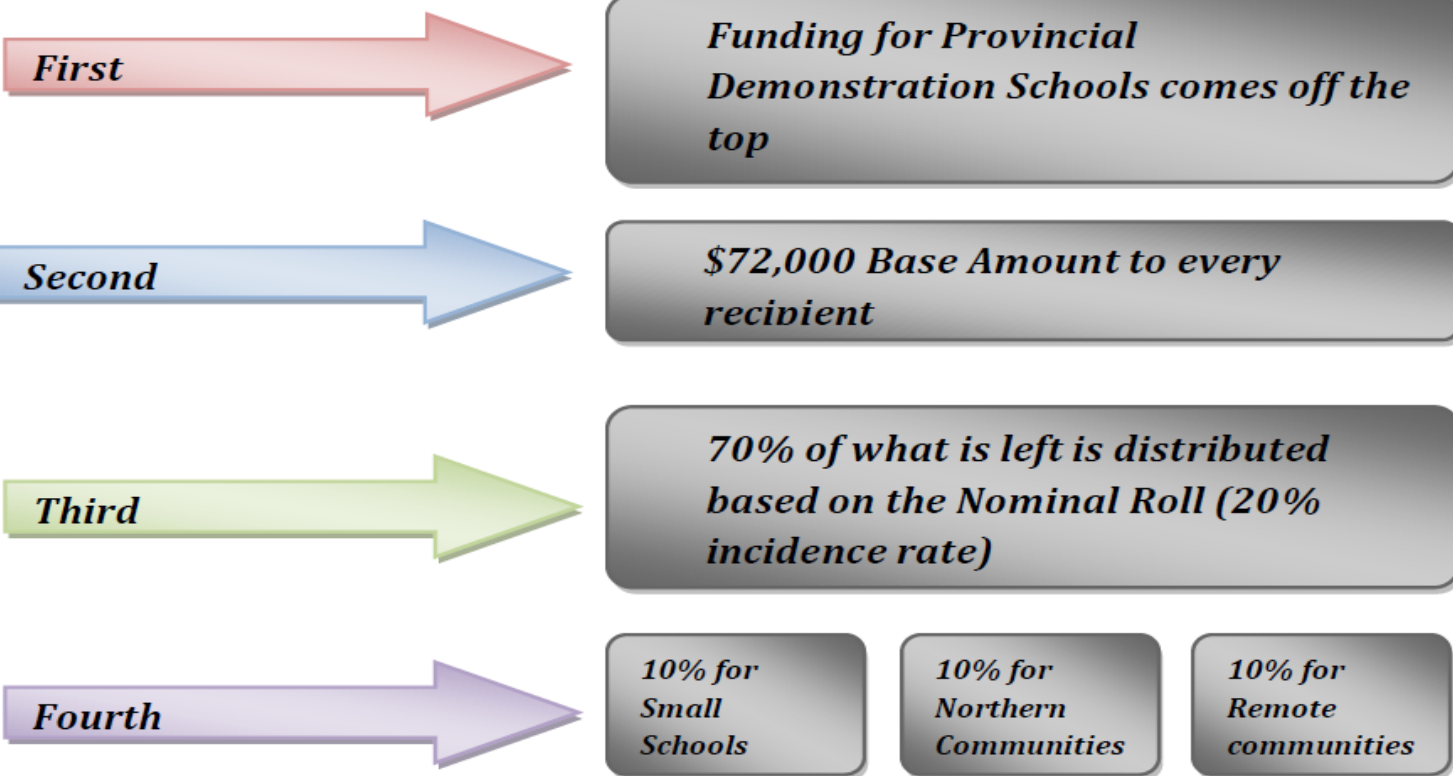
HCSEP in Ontario

- Intervention-based approach to high cost Special Education
- Funding is determined by formula
- Benefit - formal assessments are not required before intervention strategies are introduced and annual applications or proposals are not required for the release of funding
- Covers services for students whose moderate to profound needs cannot be met through regular funding channels (National Elementary/Secondary Program –BOFF).

Funding Formula

- ~ 25 million per year to support 120 recipients

Ontario's HCSEP Funding Formula



Federal Budget 2016

New investments for HCSEP –
additional \$115.5 million nationally
for 5 years

- Ontario Region allocation:
 - 2016-17 additional \$21.8 million
 - 2017-18 additional \$25.1 million

Relevant Resolutions

Resolution 20/16 and Resolution 38/17

- Adequate funding to support four HCSEP Research and Support Technicians for a period of two years (September 2016 – September 2018) will come off of the top of the Ontario region HCSEP additional allocation (will be less than 2% of the additional funding announced in Federal Budget 2016).
- 75% of the remaining additional funding will be allocated through the existing funding formula passed
- Remaining 25% of the additional funding will be allocated to recipients through a needs-based process which will be developed by the Ontario First Nation Special Education Working Group

Support Technicians



Patrik Lowen - Southern
Region

Support Technicians

Lisa Wabegijig - Central
and Northeast Region



Support Technicians

Brent Bissailion – North
and Central Region



Support Technicians

Vincent Ostberg –
Northwest Region

Needs-Based Process

Due Dates of Applications	Total # of Applications	Total Funding Provided
October 2017	TBA	TBA
June 2017	39	\$6,185,067.27
October 2016	14	\$977,744.00
June 2016	41	\$5,786,420.12

SEST Activity 2017-18

- Information Sharing Forums
 - Toronto
 - Timmins
 - Thunder Bay
- Newsletter
 - Name the Newsletter Contest
 - Community Success Stories and Photos
- Planning Webinars – 2018
- Updating HCSEP Toolkit - soon

NATIONAL ACTIVITY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR HCSEP

National Activity

- **NATIONAL JOINT COLLABORATION** between the Assembly of First Nations' (AFN) Chiefs Committee on Education (CCOE) and Canada as represented by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to develop new funding mechanisms for First Nations Education that support First Nations development of a holistic, culturally-responsive, high-quality education for First Nation students (2016-2018)

Joint Working Committee

AFN Chiefs
Committee on
Education

AFN National
Indian Education
Council

Funding
Mechanisms

Northern
and Remote

Statutory
Funding

Early
Childhood
Education

Post
Secondary
Education

Joint Memorandum to Cabinet

Joint Memorandum to Cabinet Writing Team

Proposed objective:

- Unlock \$824.1 million committed in Federal Budget 2016 for “Implementing Transformation”
- Distribute funding to all First Nation communities until new agreements based on needs are developed

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR HCSEP?

HCSEP and Funding Modernization

- Yet to be determined
- Options include:
 - Keeping HCSEP outside of the new methodology
 - Keeping a portion of HCSEP outside of the new methodology
 - Including HCSEP in comprehensive funding formula

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