



CHARTING OUR OWN PATH FORWARD Education Forum 2017

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Charting Our Own Path Forward
Education Forum
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Consistent Themes

- The need for a new comprehensive funding formula to replace the antiquated Band Operated Funding Formula (BOFF) and the patchwork of proposal-based programs.
- The need to flow education funding through an intergovernmental transfer directly to First Nations or a designated recipient.

Do we need more than one formula?

- Support Circles Framework suggests there will be multiple formulae.
- Will the formula encompass the full lifelong learning continuum?
- Need to ensure we allow enough flexibility to evolve over time.

Funding Formulae

Core principles

- Equity
- Transparency
- Core-Proposal Balance
- Accountability
- Needs Based
- Autonomy
- Responsiveness
- Cultural Considerations

Funding Formulae cont'd

Considerations

- School Year vs. Fiscal Year
- Secondary School Rate
- Multi-Year Funding Commitments
- Legislative Base
- Education Capital Funding
- School Safety
- Boarding Students & Safety
- O&M, Minor Capital & Teacherages
- Second & Third Level Services
- Professional Development
- Purchase of Provincial Services
- Special Education
- Student Transportation

Funding Formulae cont'd

Formula Components – i.e.:

- Instructional Services including Professional Development
- Student Support Services including Counselling & Boarding
- Language and Culture
- Etc...

Allocation Factors – i.e.:

- Number of Students
- Pupil Teacher Ratios
- Small School Factor
- Geographic Circumstances
- Etc...

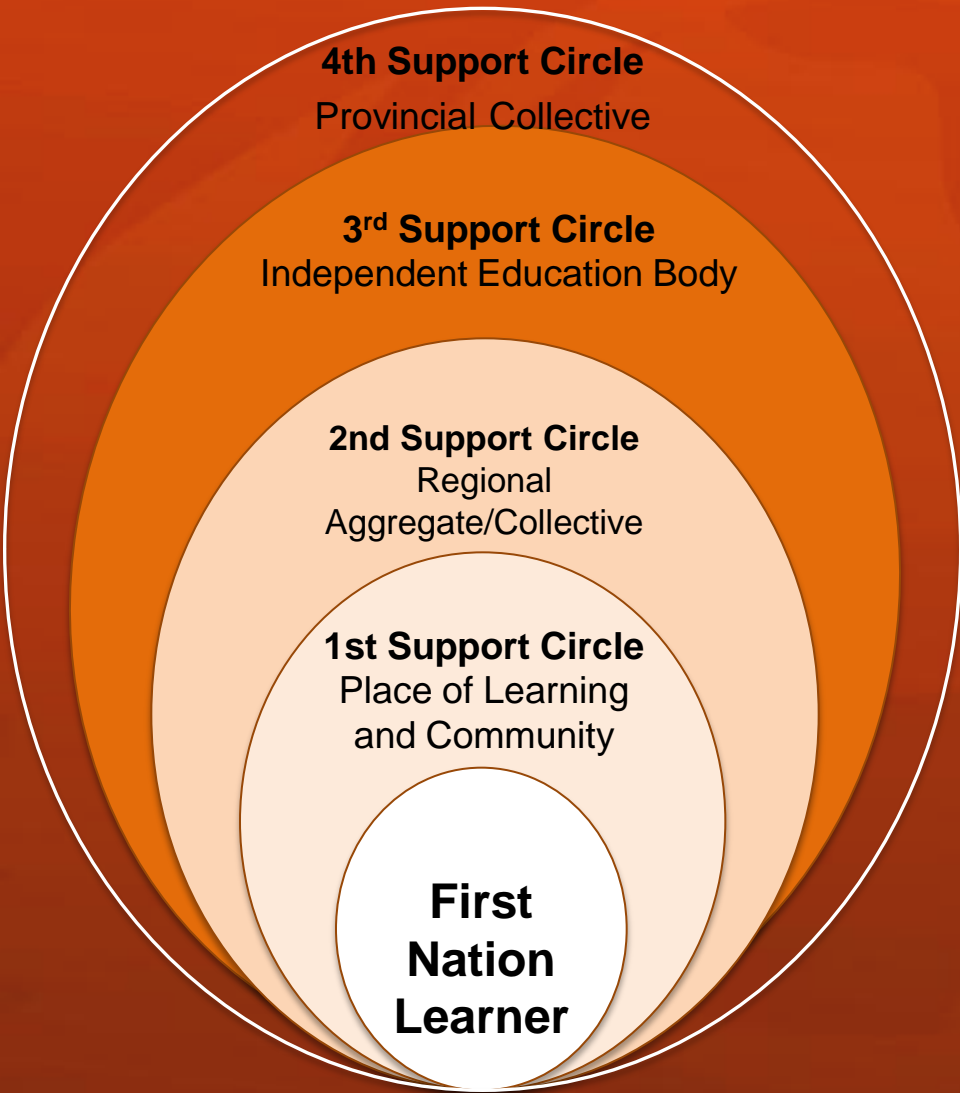
Funding Formulae cont'd

COO has a consultant currently working on

- Overview of other sample Education Funding Frameworks, including those currently in use by some First Nation organizations.
- Summary of recommended funding allocation components and weighing considerations for each.
- Live Excel based funding allocation formula with built in user flexibility to adjust to explore “what if” scenarios.

This work should be completed by the end of May, 2017 and will be used to inform national and regional Task Teams.

Funding flow questions?



How does funding flow?

- Federal government to First Nations governments?
- Federal government to each support circle?
- Federal government to the Independent Education Body?
- Does INAC have a role or does the funding flow from elsewhere?

What is the mechanism to flow funding?

- Law/statute?
- Non – legislative?
- Other?

Day 3 Discussion Questions

1. Are there any other elements of a funding framework that should be considered other than:
 - a) Funding formulae;
 - b) How funding flows; and
 - c) The mechanism used by the federal government to flow funding?
2. The starting point for future funding framework discussions is community-by-community consideration of elements and options. What tools could be developed to assist and support communities in these discussions?