

First Nations Adult Education Engagement Session

First Nations Adult Education Community Needs

The Chiefs of Ontario are gathering information to advocate for the continuation of the investment and expansion of financial support for adult education programs for First Nations adult learners. The federal 2021 budget invested \$350M nationally over 5 years to expand access to adult education by supporting First Nations members on reserve who wish to return and complete their high school/secondary education or who require upgrading, basic skills and literacy to continue along the lifelong learning continuum.

In March 2026 the funding in the 2021 federal budget will be coming to an end and the Chiefs of Ontario have hired Indigenous & Community Engagement (ICE) Inc. to gather data and learn how this funding has supported adult education for First Nation adult learners living on reserve. ICE will also present findings about the types of investment in adult education that First Nations adult learners, educators, staff, and administrators would like to see in the future. ICE will be providing estimated costs of adult education program expansion, which includes estimated costs for operations, maintenance, and infrastructure.

What we need to know from you

- Define First Nations adult education, its goals, and unique qualities
- Best practices to increase First Nations adult education enrolment and to improve course outcomes
- The benefits or limits of the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) First Nations Adult Secondary Education Program in the last 5 years
- Areas of expansion for adult education programming for First Nations learners

Share your thoughts and experiences by participating in the First Nations Adult Education survey!

