

EDUCATION SUMMIT BACKGROUNDER – QUOTES FROM PLANNING PARTNERS

“In 2015 the FSIN and the ministry signed an MOU that the jurisdiction of education on reserve always remains in the hands of First Nation leadership. Whether our children attend on or off reserve schools we must ensure that their Treaty and Inherent right to education is exercised and that their identity is supported through the accessibility of their language and culture. The Provincial Education Summit was a step moving forward. It was an honour to sit with great educational leaders of our province and our First Nations Elders. It was an opportunity to voice where we have been, where we are today and to begin the steps of shaping the future of education through a shared vision. It is time for change, a time of rebuilding through partnership and co-development. A great leader once said, ‘In order for there to be any change- it must begin with Leadership’. The Summit was a very pivotal step towards that change.”

- Deloris Netmaker, FSIN Executive Director of Education

“The Summit is a huge step in the right direction as we need to do this work together. It cannot be done alone and when we have opportunity to influence change as a collective then we must be involved. Every person in these territories and this province will benefit from a meaningful inclusive vision for education reflective of the treaty relationship and reconciliation.”

-Mary Culbertson, Treaty Commissioner of Saskatchewan

“We appreciated the opportunity to bring teacher voice to the ministry’s education summit. We trust this process will address their real concerns, as teachers struggle to meet the diverse learning needs of all the students in their classrooms.”

-Randy Schmaltz, STF Executive Director

“We were excited to participate and listen to the thoughts and reflections of so many partners in education through this summit. Locally elected leaders have a responsibility in partnership with government to bring community voice to the discussions about the future of education for the benefit of all Saskatchewan students.”

-Dr. Shawn Davidson, SSBA President

“The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials executive members were privileged to participate in such a monumental event. The approximately 80 organizations represented at the Education Summit is testament to the need for and willingness to co-construct a new future education plan that is inclusive and built with student well-being and achievement as a final outcome.”

Ryan Bruce, SASBO President

“The LEADS vision statement ‘Senior educational leaders serving as a collective voice to strategically advocate and impact learning for Saskatchewan students through networking, collaboration and innovation in education’ demonstrated our organization’s alignment to the goals of the Education Summit. Our members were honored by the invitation to participate in this historic gathering, and look forward to working alongside the Ministry of Education and our other educational partners while shaping the future of education in this province.”

-Sean Chase, LEADS President