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**November 26, 2012**

**To: All First Nations in BC**

**From: The First Nations Education Steering Committee**

**Subject: UPDATE: Nominal Roll Submission Instructions 2012/2013**

**\*\*\*\* The following instructions are slightly changed from those sent out on November 21, 2012. See the bold and underlined section. \*\*\*\***

Earlier this week, we distributed a memo regarding the Tripartite Education Framework Agreement (TEFA) and the associated reporting requirements.

As communicated previously, one of the key components of the TEFA is a requirement that First Nations will continue to submit the annual AANDC nominal roll for students attending First Nations schools in BC. During the TEFA negotiations, the FNEsc negotiators clearly indicated that this requirement was interpreted as meaning the nominal roll as it existed at the time of signing - that is the 2011/2012 nominal roll. Reflecting that position, FNEsc has disputed the changes made to the AANDC 2012/2013 nominal roll for students attending First Nations schools, as they are inconsistent with and contrary to commitments made in the TEFA.

As the nominal roll must be submitted by November 30, 2012 in order to ensure funding for this school year, FNEsc is now recommending that First Nations complete the nominal roll as presented, with the following fields addressed as outlined below.

**OPTIONAL FIELD 1:** Does the curriculum used in the school comply, at all academic levels, with the basic requirements of the Ministry of Education of the province-territory in which the school is located for the current school year?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** This field is optional and we recommend that you not provide an answer.

**OPTIONAL FIELD 2:** Are you receiving services from the Cultural Education Centre Program?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** This question is optional and we recommend that you not provide an answer.

## **November 26 REVISED INSTRUCTIONS**

**We have now learned that if you have already selected either yes or no for one or both of the optional variables described above, it is not possible to return to blank answer.**

**We recommend that if you cannot leave this field blank, you can select “no” as an answer. Then, in the email you send to AANDC to accompany your submission of the nominal roll, please indicate that your answers to the optional fields should not be considered accurate. AANDC has agreed to disregard any no answers to the two fields described above.**

### **THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS REMAIN THE SAME**

REQUIRED FIELD: Number of days the school is open for instruction.

RECOMMENDED ANSWER: As this field is new, we recommend that you answer with only the number 1. Doing so will allow you to complete the form but will not disclose additional information.

REQUIRED FIELD: Number of days the school is open for administration.

RECOMMENDED ANSWER: As above, we recommend that you answer this question with only the number 1.

REQUIRED FIELD: Programs Offered.

RECOMMENDED ANSWER: We recommend that all schools accept all boxes. If all schools provide the same answer the data will be indistinguishable.

REQUIRED FIELD: Methods of delivery - asked in regard to program offered.

RECOMMENDED ANSWER: As above, we recommend that all schools accept all boxes.

REQUIRED FIELD: Method of delivery - asked in regard to enrolment information.

RECOMMENDED ANSWER: As above, we recommend that all schools accept all boxes.

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We thank you for your understanding in this important matter. If you have any comments or concerns about this issue, please feel free to contact Alan Khara at [alank@fnesc.ca](mailto:alank@fnesc.ca) for technical questions or Jan Haugen at [janh@fnesc.ca](mailto:janh@fnesc.ca) for other types of questions.