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For Immediate Release

Statement by the Cree School Board regarding the Post-Secondary Student Services Program

Mistissini, Eeyou Istchee (April 21, 2023) - The Cree School Board is aware of an article that was posted on April 20, 2023, 4:00 AM EDT by CBC North involving a student's personal situation while enrolled in our financial assistance program through the Post-Secondary Student Services.

According to our Administrative Policy and Procedures on the Access to Information and the Protection of Personal Information, Cree School Board cannot disclose any information about individual students. Student files are highly confidential and must be respected at all times.

The mission of the Board is "to provide for life-long learning while instilling the Cree identity in partnership with our communities to allow each student to attain the qualifications and competencies to become a successful contributor to the Cree Nation and society at large."

With this mission, we recognize the importance of assisting our students who are studying in our communities. We also continue to support our students when they choose to leave their communities to study in a different environment, and we look for long-term solutions to ensure our students succeed in their education.

The role of the Cree School Board is to support students and their learning journey so they can be successful contributors to the Cree Nation and society at large.



The 4th Regional General Assembly - Community Tour in October 2022 and January 2023 offered dialogue from students, parents, and community members to discuss the needs for services in the communities and offering additional support to students.

The Post-Secondary Student Services is always available to assist students with decision-making, academic counselling, helping students navigate the available services in their education institutions, and workshops. Among many services, we offer financial assistance to eligible Cree beneficiaries for full-time or part-time programs.

The pandemic offered us an opportunity to examine our service gaps and strengthen the services offered, increasing our ability to support our students. This is a process that we continue and value in our endeavour to ensure student success.

Today, we are happy to bring the students together at our very first Post Secondary Students Services Conference in Ottawa from April 21-23, 2023, where we will listen, create connections, establish a sense of belonging, and remind them that we are here to support them during their learning journey. Our post-secondary student services program and our post-secondary students are key to our future as a vibrant, empowered, and self-determining Indigenous nation.

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