

# BATC Education

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BATC Education is comprised of five First Nations: Ahtahkakoop, Moosomin, Red Pheasant, Saulteaux and Sweetgrass. We officially came into existence with the signing of the *Educational Agreement* by our Chiefs on February 9, 2010. We established an Education Board and had our first meeting on April 27, 2010. BATC Education provides second level services, that is, services of a Director of Education, Speech and Language Pathologist, and Education Psychometrician, to our five First Nation's schools. We also coordinate applications for educational project funding such as Student Success and New Paths (see related up-dates).

### Education Board Members:

The BATC Education Board is responsible for providing the overall guidance and direction for BATC Education. We have six appointed Education Board members, as well as one Elder serving our board as follows:

Ahtahkakoop - Vernon Greyeyes	Saulteaux - Julia Night
Moosomin - Denise Poitras	Sweetgrass - Vacant
Red Pheasant - Rene Wuttunee	Elder - Don Pooyak (non-voting)
BATC Chief's Representative - Chief Elliot Kahpeaysewat	

### BATC Education Staff:

Position	Name	Phone	Email
Superintendent/Project Manager	Barry Werth (P/T)	446-8201	<a href="mailto:barry.werth@batc.ca">barry.werth@batc.ca</a>
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Speech and Language Pathologist	Skye Blue Angus (contracted)		
Director of Education	Patrick Bugler	446-1411	<a href="mailto:pat.bugler@batc.ca">pat.bugler@batc.ca</a>

In addition, we have shared staff with BATC that include: Virginia Nicotine (Reception), Kathy Kissick (Director of Finance) and Brenda Wuttunee (Accounts Clerk)

### School Year Calendar:

All BATC schools will have the same school year calendar. This calendar has 197 school days that maximizes the time students have in school. Principals will provide notification to parents prior to the end of school. The calendar will also be posted on our website.

### First Nations Student Success Project (FNSSP):

With ACTC as our partner we have been approved for a three year project of which we are in our first year. For the 2011-2012 school year, our joint budget is 2.125 million dollar with BATC Education receiving 1.0625 million dollars in funding. We have the following projects underway:

- 1) Language Arts:
  - a) Literacy Consultant;
  - b) Animated Literacy;
  - c) Repeated Readings;
  - d) Picture Word Inductive Model (PWIM) (K-9);
  - e) School based Literacy/Math Mentors (Education Assistants).
  
- 2) Mathematics:
  - a) Mathematics Consultants;
  - b) Implement *Math Makes Sense* strategies and professional development(Grades K to 9).
  
- 3) Guidance Counselors for career/personal counseling (3 positions shared between schools)
  
- 4) Information Technology:
  - a) Systems Administrator and Systems Technician;
  - b) Maintain student data systems (*Open Admin*) and school/BATC Education servers;
  - c) Professional Development in educational technology.

**New Paths:**

As of August 10, 2011, our New Paths funding for the 2011-2012 school year is \$380,404. With these funds, BATC Education will provide the following:

- 1) BATC Cree Language and Culture Support:
  - a) Culture Support Coordinator (at BATC Education);
  - b) Provide materials and support in all schools for the Virtues Program;
  - c) Provide for Elders and Community Resource Support in all schools;
  - d) Provide a BATC wide Cultural Camp for students;
  - e) Provide Cree Language instruction support in all schools.
  
- 2) BATC Administrator Professional Development and Teacher Professional Support:
  - a) Administrator Professional Development to train our principals and administrators how to perform staff supervision.
  - b) Enhancement Coach:  
To help do staff supervision and evaluation and work with teachers improving their professional practices.

**School Reviews and Strategic Planning:**

Throughout the year, BATC Education will work with local school committees, band administration, school staff, students and parents to focus and re-focus our efforts on providing the best possible education for children of our member bands.

**End Note:**

As a relatively new educational organization, BATC Education will continue to grow and expand our services over time. We need your help as parents, grandparents, community members and students to assist us in strengthening our schools. Together we can make a difference in the education of our children.

Yours in Education,



Patrick Bugler - Director of Education