

MEDIA ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MATAWA EDUCATION ADDRESSES SEVEN YOUTH INQUEST RECOMMENDATION WITH REMOTE FIRST NATIONS GRADE 8 STUDENT ORIENTATION IN THUNDER BAY

THUNDER BAY, ON: Matawa Education, in partnership with the remote First Nations of Eabametoong, Marten Falls, Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Webequie will host a Grade 8 Student Orientation Week in Thunder Bay during the week of May 6 – 10, 2019. The orientation week is in response to Youth Inquest Jury recommendation #43 which says:

“In order to provide an opportunity for students from remote First Nations communities to meet with their Thunder Bay peers and to be introduced to the City of Thunder Bay in a positive, supervised environment, provide sufficient funding to ensure that grade 7 and 8 students from First Nation communities are able to be part of classroom learning or orientation sessions in Thunder Bay so that they and their families can familiarize themselves with the schools and the community prior to beginning high school away from home.”

Over 25 activities have been organized throughout the week by the Matawa Education Youth Inquest Program. Approximately 16 grade eight students from remote communities (and their chaperones) will be taking part. So that they can become familiar with the city, its services and amenities—a number of tours and presentations have been planned. Some highlights of the week include tours of a couple of local high schools, and a shared meal with the Thunder Bay Police Services and at City Hall.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend the opening ceremonies (schedule for the week attached).

Date: Monday, May 6, 2019
Location: Matawa Education and Care Centre, 200 Lillie St. N., Thunder Bay, Ontario
Time: 1:00 p.m.

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