



FOUNDATION

— for the advancement of —

MI'KMAW EDUCATION

Vision

All Mi'kmaw learners in Nova Scotia across all generations and communities will thrive through greater access to Mi'kmaw centred education, language, and culture so all community members can confidently create their own paths for today and the next seven generations.

Mission

The Foundation will grow its capacity to invest in and champion greater access to Mi'kmaw-led education across all generations by supporting lifelong learning, and elevating Mi'kmaw ways of knowing, while cultivating an environment where Mi'kmaw culture and language flourish within families and communities.

Guiding Principles

- Mi'kmaw Self-Determination
- Holistic Well-Being
- Equity and Inclusion
- Generational Impact

- Two-Eyed Seeing (Etuaptmunk)
- Strong Community Voice
- Accountability and Transparency
- Celebration and Storytelling

The Path Forward

Goal 1: Secure Sustainable Funding

- Cultivate relationships with funders
- Develop multi-year, sustainable funding commitments and partnerships
- Build a diversified revenue model
- Grow professional fundraising capacity
- Consider "early win" fundraising campaigns

Goal 4: Ensure Consistent, Equitable Access to Education and Opportunity

- Fund and expand programs
- Advance culturally centered education
- Develop community-driven grant opportunities
- Prioritize supports for students moving from Mi'kmaw-run to mainstream schools/post-secondary

Goal 2: Develop Operational & Governance Systems

- Establish a governance framework
- Phase implementation planning
- Communicate Foundation progress
- Uphold Mi'kmaw governance and self-determination
- Create clear, transparent mechanisms for reporting back to donors

Goal 5: Strengthen Community Capacity and Build Educational Leadership

- Invest in Mi'kmaw educators, mentors, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, language warriors and community leaders
- Support community capacity building
- Facilitate sharing by community education leaders

Goal 3: Empower and Support Learners

- Encourage participation among all community members
- Foster a learning environment
- Deliver healing supports
- Create programs that elevate Mi'kmaw learners' success

Goal 6: Celebrate and Amplify Mi'kmaw Achievements and Identity

- Celebrate Mi'kmaw educational achievement
- Share learner and community success stories
- Provide resources for communities to share their stories
- Respect, recognize, and amplify Mi'kmaw accomplishment and identity