

## MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECLARING ABORIGINAL STATUS

The following information is provided to parents for declaring aboriginal status with the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education.

Parents are required to complete a yearly registration form with Medicine Hat and Bow Island Catholic Schools. The registration form requires a collection of personal information including a declaration for Aboriginal descent. All personal information collected is kept confidential and is collected under the guidelines of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education uses the declaration in order to provide appropriate educational programming and services that support students, parents and families. We are committed to improving educational outcomes for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students by engaging families and supporting students through programming enhancement, resource development and collaboration with community partners as part of our collaborative service delivery model. The information is valuable for maintaining and improving programs affiliated with FNMI education.

Alberta Education provides separate funding to Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education for every FNMI student currently being educated in our schools. The funding is then directly applied to FNMI education and programs.

\*The following question box appears on registration forms for public, separate, francophone, charter and some private schools. Answering the Aboriginal self-identification question is voluntary.

<b><i>If you wish to declare that you are an Aboriginal person, please specify:</i></b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b><i>Status Indian/First Nations</i></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><i>Non-Status Indian/First Nations</i></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><i>Métis</i></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><i>Inuit</i></b>
<p><i>Aboriginal Education is collecting this personal information pursuant to section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act as the information relates directly to and is necessary to meet its mandate and responsibilities to measure system effectiveness over time and develop policies, programs and services to improve Aboriginal learner success. Alberta school boards are also collecting this information pursuant to the same section in conjunction with section 2(1)(t) of the Student Record Regulation and for the same purposes. This information will also be used to determine the provincial First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Funding Allocation provided to school authorities.</i></p> <p><b><i>For further information or if you have questions regarding the collection activity, please contact the office of the Director, Aboriginal Policy, Strategic Services Division, Alberta Education, 10155-102 Street, Edmonton Alberta, T5J 4L5, (780) 427-8501. If you have questions about the collection activity by the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education, please contact the Superintendent of Schools at the School Board Office at 1251-1 Ave. SW, Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 8B4. Phone: (403) 527.2292 Fax: (403) 529-0917, E-mail: <a href="mailto:communications@mhcbe.ab.ca">communications@mhcbe.ab.ca</a></i></b></p>			

#### **Who can I contact to find out more about the ALDCI?**

For the further information about the collect of FNMI student data please contact the office of the Director, Aboriginal Policy, Strategic Service Division, Alberta Education, 10155-102 Street, Edmonton Alberta, T5J 4L5, (780)427-8501.

More information about FNMI declaration is available at: <http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/fnmi/aldci.aspx>