



National Week of Action on Education September 19 – 25, 2010

To: All First Nations in British Columbia
From: The British Columbia Assembly of First Nations and the
First Nations Education Steering Committee
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We are writing to provide an update about the National Week of Action on Education (NWAE) from September 19 -25, 2010.

First Nations' education is a priority for Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn (Ah-in-Chut) Atleo and British Columbia Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould (Puglaas). Access to quality education has never been more important for First Nations, as it empowers our youth to reach their full potential and enables Nation building. That's why the AFN and BC AFN are coordinating a national and regional series of activities to raise awareness of First Nations' education priorities, and we encourage you to join the NWAE by raising awareness of your local education priorities, which may include:

- Culture and language in classrooms
- Post-secondary student funding
- First Nations control of First Nations education

There will be events happening in Ottawa and across the country, and we encourage you to take action in support of First Nation education. Some ideas for community-based action could include:

- Hosting a public event
- Contacting your local media with story ideas that highlight your local education priorities
- Writing a letter to your local Member of Parliament or Senator

We invite you to join us in the NWAE, and include us in your activities and correspondence. For example, any emails to media and government can be copied to executive.assistant@bcafn.ca and info@fnesc.ca. A toolkit of template letters on the topic of First Nations jurisdiction and post-secondary student funding are available at www.fnesc.ca

Thank you for your support.

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