



Our Journey Forward: Understanding — Wahkohtowin

CASS Indigenous Gathering

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Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

- 15 + years as a board priority
- Focus on relationships
- One position 2007 which supported all schools
- Learning and changing from art to ceremony

Listening...

2013 - [Wahkotowin Report](#)

2014 - [Nichtamowin & Nisitohtamowin Report](#)

Learning...

All of us - each and every action (relationships, relationships, relationships)

School Leadership is critical

Indigenous Support Workers:

- Advocate and support students and families
- Focus on building relationships with families and the school community
- Advise and support cultural understandings and engagements
- Provide an indigenous perspective

Foundational knowledge and understanding learning for the adults in the system

Missteps...

- Rushing ahead
- Actions not matching promises
- Doing to or for rather than with

Wahkohtowin...

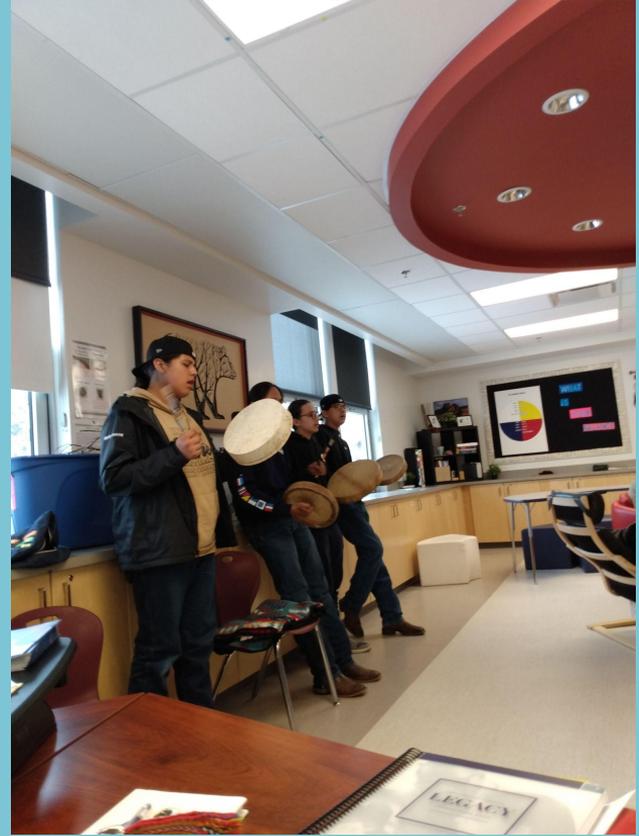
- Honest and open relationships (time, energy, trust)
- Language matters
- Our actions matters
- Going together with respect and humility













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