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To Learning Institutions outside Kanehsatake and serving Mohawk Students

It is imperative that several misconceptions about funding, the forwarding of non-pre-approved invoices to the Kanehsatake Education Center and other issues be clarified. Your institution may not be aware but Indigenous communities have been chronically under funded by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. We also undergo rigorous performance, accountability and compliance reviews on an annual basis.

For learning institutions outside of Kanehsatake, it is important to note:

- As with other non-Indigenous students in your general population, it is the institution's responsibility to arrange and pay for any assessments, or,
- Costs become the responsibility of the parent/guardian;
- Generally, an institution must have prior verification and consent from a third-party to agree to assume costs. This is both respectful and good business practice.

The Kanehsatake Education Center cannot and does not pay for tuition and associated fees, any assessments or transportation, etc., unless and until our Special Needs Coordinator has met with parents and students, and has confirmed in writing with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada that procedures were followed and the expenditures are within the approved guidelines of Indian Affairs' National Policy.

Be advised that should your learning institution fail to confirm in writing that the Kanehsatake Education Center has approved costs associated with tuition and associated fees, any assessments or transportation, etc., it will be the responsibility of the learning institution to collect any and all costs directly from the parents or guardians.

I urge your institution to inform themselves of the funding reality in Indigenous communities and to please visit the website at < www.avenir-future.com >
The First Nations Education Council and the 22 member communities welcome your support in our endeavours to attain funding parity with similar provincial institutions in Quebec.

Respectfully,

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