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**TEACH FOR CANADA BRAIDS TRADITION, HISTORY, AND PEDAGOGY WITH TECHNOLOGY
DURING TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM**

51 teachers prepare to go work in northern First Nation schools

TORONTO, July 13th, 2020 — 51 new Teach For Canada teachers from across Canada are joining Indigenous leaders, northern teachers, and education experts online for a unique two-week preparation program from July 12th - 24th, 2020. Teach For Canada will braid tradition, history, and pedagogy with technology to prepare teachers to support student success in northern First Nations schools in Ontario and Manitoba this fall.

The national organization has fully digitized its cornerstone Summer Enrichment Program in response to the pandemic. In former years, the program was held in person in Thunder Bay. This year, with support from generous private and public funders, 51 teachers will connect with Indigenous leaders and northern educators online to learn about First Nations histories, cultures, languages, culturally-responsive pedagogies, and land-based education.

Moving to a digital format has made it possible for Teach For Canada to extend the learning it offers through the program beyond its new teacher cohort. Sessions have been opened up to northern educators across the country in support of more culturally-responsive teaching.

With this new cohort, over 100 Teach For Canada teachers hired by First Nations will fill much-needed teaching roles this fall. They will receive support from Teach For Canada as they navigate the impact of the pandemic on education in northern communities and to continue their development as educators.

Highlights from the 2020 Summer Enrichment Program (Media Welcome):

July 16th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EDT - *How Indigenous Education Will Save the World*, Dr. Niigaan Sinclair

July 20th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EDT - *Indigenizing Classrooms*, Tesa Fiddler

July 23rd, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EDT - *Trauma-Informed Classrooms*, Emily Blackmoon

Note: Please RSVP for the sessions above to receive the Zoom link. Ojibwe, French, and English speakers may be available for interviews.



About Teach For Canada

Teach For Canada is a non-profit organization that works with northern First Nations to recruit, prepare, and support outstanding teachers. Too often, teachers arrive in remote and Indigenous communities without the preparation and support they need to succeed—and stay—in the classroom. The twin challenges of teacher supply and turnover compound historical injustice and systemic inequities to produce an education gap between First Nations and non-First Nations communities. Teach For Canada works with First Nations communities to begin to close that gap. For more information, visit www.teachforcanada.ca.

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