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## **TEACH FOR CANADA ANNOUNCES KEN SANDERSON AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

MANITOBA, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Teach For Canada, a non-profit organization that supports student success by recruiting and developing committed educators in partnership with First Nations, has appointed Ken Sanderson as Executive Director.

Ken Sanderson is Anishinaabe, and a member of Pinaymootang First Nation. He has dedicated his career to enhancing opportunities for Indigenous communities. Ken brings 20 years of experience in executive leadership, organizational development, and growth management to Teach For Canada. He has worked with the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce, Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, and most recently, Broadband Communications North.

“I am very excited to be a part of this organization,” says Sanderson. “The goals are noble and foundational to community building and success. The process of building and creating has always energized me, and I see Teach For Canada's direction providing me with many opportunities to do just that.”

Sanderson's designation follows the planned departure of Interim Executive Director, Aideen Nabigon. Aideen's leadership helped Teach For Canada navigate the challenges of COVID-19, adapt programs to meet the emerging needs of northern schools, and ensure that thousands of students maintained access to teachers at an integral time.

“I am delighted to welcome Ken Sanderson to the Teach For Canada team,” says Kyle Hill, Co-Founder and former Executive Director of Teach For Canada. “He brings a wealth of experience working in partnership with northern Indigenous communities, and his expertise growing and strengthening non-profit organizations will serve us well at Teach For Canada. With Ken at the helm, we look forward to continued success recruiting, preparing, and supporting teachers in northern Ontario and northern Manitoba.”

This year, Teach For Canada also welcomes three members to their Board of Directors: Lyn Blackburde, Director of Education for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; Mark Dockstator, Director of the Chief Maracle Indigenous Knowledge Initiative at Queen's University; and the Honourable Vernon White.



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## **About Teach For Canada**

Teach For Canada is a non-profit organization that works with northern First Nations to recruit, prepare, and support committed teachers. Too often, teachers arrive in the north without the preparation and support they need to succeed—and stay—in the classroom. The twin challenge of teacher supply and turnover compound historical injustices and systemic inequities to produce an education gap between First Nations and non-First Nations communities. We work with our partners to begin to close that gap. For more information, visit [www.teachforcanada.ca](http://www.teachforcanada.ca).

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