



**TEACH FOR  
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## **BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 75 TEACH FOR CANADA TEACHERS**

TORONTO, ON—75 committed teachers have gone back to school for their first, second, or third year of teaching in a northern First Nation. This school year, Teach For Canada teachers will impact over 1500 First Nations students in 18 remote communities across northern Ontario. These teachers, hailing from all over Canada, will use culturally-responsive pedagogies, outdoor education, and extracurricular activities to increase student attendance, student engagement, and student achievement in the classroom.

The 2017 cohort of teachers is Teach For Canada’s third group to make a 2+ year commitment to teach in the North. Before going North, Teach For Canada teachers complete an intensive summer preparation program to learn about First Nations histories, cultures, languages, classroom strategies, and outdoor education, as well as context-specific pedagogical approaches for success in the North. Once the teachers enter the classroom, Teach For Canada helps them continue to develop as educators by providing them with a range of supports, including professional mentors, classroom coaching, a peer-support network, and mental health and wellness strategies.

### **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 injustices 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](http://www.teachforcanada.ca).

**If you are interested in speaking to a teacher about going back to school in a northern First Nation, we would be happy to facilitate an interview.**

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