

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Background

The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education acknowledges the historical significance and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and their cultures. In gratitude, the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education honours the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples in the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada.

Definitions

In the context of Indigenous Peoples, territory refers to a specific place that has been a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place and travelling route of the Treaty 7 and 4 Territory of the Blackfoot and Cree Nations and Métis Local.

Treaty Acknowledgement Statement

"Before we begin, the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education would like to acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional land of the Blackfoot people who have welcomed here for centuries the Cree, the Métis, other First Nations and Non-Indigenous people. The land is now recognized as the traditional territory of Treaty 7 to the north, west and south and Treaty 4 to the east. In gratitude, the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education honours the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples".

Procedures

1. District Administration, School Administration and School Staff will acknowledge the treaty territory with the Treaty Acknowledgement Statement at a significant School and/or Community Special Events, Celebration and Gatherings.
2. The Acknowledgement needs to be made at an appropriate time during the Opening Remarks.

References:

Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action
United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Royal Proclamation
Alberta Human Rights Act
School Act
Board Motion # 3427, October 09, 2018