

Enhancing Aboriginal Leaders Program 2018-19

The British Columbia School Superintendents Association BCSSA is committed to improving success and achievement rates for Aboriginal learners in BC. Improving the outcomes for Aboriginal learners is a strategic goal priority for the Association. Encouraging structural change and supporting strategies to increase Aboriginal participation in senior leadership, decision making and capacity building will further support Aboriginal learners in BC. The Enhancing Aboriginal Leaders Program provides a concentrated professional learning opportunity tailored to the needs of the participants and complemented with the BCSSA's Dimensions of Practice.

Purpose

This program will provide an opportunity and venue for school and district level Aboriginal leaders to explore the challenges and rewards of becoming a senior leader in the K to 12 education system.

Cohort Composition

The cohort will be comprised of Aboriginal educators (max. 12) who are currently principals, vice-principals, district principals and/or vice-principals, directors of instruction and/or assistant superintendents.

Program Length

The program will be hosted by the BCSSA at the Vancouver office over three sessions. The first two-day session will be held on **November 6th and 7th from 9:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. The second session will be on March 15th and the final session will be on May 21th and 22th. Please note the dates for the second and third sessions are tentative. Dates for future sessions will be confirmed on November 6th.

Program Content

BCSSA Dimensions of Practice will be a framework for the program and will explore topics that may include, but are not limited to:

1. Understanding the role of a senior leader
2. Working with a Board, Aboriginal, local, and provincial educational partners
3. Understanding management related functions inherent in a school district such as: special education, operations and facilities, large-scale budgets, capital projects and more
4. Advocating for Aboriginal students as part of leadership roles
5. Changing systems to enhance and build all students' success

Cost

BCSSA will provide a facilitator, materials and lunch for participants. Participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation.

Application Requirements

1. A brief summary outlining your education background and work in schools and/or the school district
2. Support from your Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent's to participate.
3. Please send your expression of interest to cguy@bcssa.org **by October 19th, 2018.**