



Mi'kmaw Student Support Worker

Location: Antigonish East Education Centre

Employer: Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation

Application Deadline: April 25th, 2025

Start Date: ASAP

POSITION SUMMARY:

Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation is seeking a compassionate, culturally grounded, and student-focused individual to join our education team as a Mi'kmaw Student Support Worker (MSSW) at East Antigonish Education Centre. The MSSW will serve as a bridge between Mi'kmaw students, their families, and school staff, ensuring that cultural identity, academic success, and student well-being are prioritized in the school environment.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide daily support to Mi'kmaw students within the classroom and throughout the school day.
- Act as a liaison between school staff, students, families, and the Paqtnkek Education Department.
- Promote cultural understanding and awareness among school staff and students. (Key) Programming
- Assist students in navigating academic and social challenges. As well as planning for careers. Willing to work with Mi'kmaw resources, NEO, Education director, Health staff, MK, to support students holistically.
- Participate in school planning and meetings concerning Mi'kmaw student needs.
- Support teachers with culturally responsive instructional practices.





- Coordinate and support cultural activities, events, and guest presentations in the school.
- Maintain regular communication with families and provide updates on student progress.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience working with Mi'kmaw students or Indigenous communities.
- Knowledge of Mi'kmaw culture, language, and traditions.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, and advocacy skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with school staff, students, and families.
- High school diploma or equivalent (post-secondary education in a related field is an asset).
- A clear Child Abuse Registry and Criminal Record Check (vulnerable sector).

ASSETS:

- Fluency in Mi'kmaw language or commitment to language learning.
- Background in education, youth work, or community support services.
- Understanding of intergenerational trauma and culturally safe approaches to student support. Also, skilled in articulating the Mi'kmaw World view, to ensure/support educators in their journey towards practicing cultural relevant education, supports and understanding.

WORK CONDITIONS:

- Full-time, school-based position aligned with the academic calendar.
- Regular travel may be required between Paqtnkek and Antigonish.





TO APPLY:

Please submit your resume, cover letter, and references to:

Paqtnkek Education Department CO/David Kearns Human Resources Director

Email: jobs@paqtnkek.ca

