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Students Come Together to “Create Brave Spaces for Indigenous Men”

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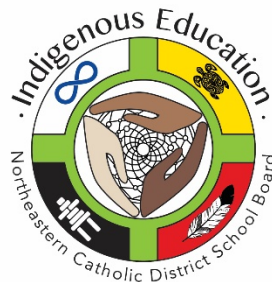
Grade 5-8 Indigenous and Metis boys from St. Patrick Catholic School, ECCS, Holy Family School and Sacred Heart Catholic School will come together on February 25th to learn from each other and Kris Morrison’s teachings.

The teaching sessions are transformative and the goal is to have Indigenous boys/men come together and learn a values-based model to follow, so that they will be models to follow.

Kris Morrison, Leader of the Indigenous Mens Alliance (IMA), stated “The Goal of the IMA (Indigenous Mens Alliance) is to create Brave Spaces for Indigenous Men. The IMA uses quality culturally appropriate programs and services to promote, develop and sustain the healthy identity of Indigenous Men.”

Students will learn traditional and cultural knowledge that specifically connects them to their identity. The goal is to unlock their potential to be strong and encouraging figures for others to follow.

Theo Cull, Teacher at ECCS commented "I am very excited to provide an opportunity for NCDSB Indigenous students to access culturally relevant programming. The event will focus on building on year 2 of the Pastoral Plan - We belong, while also infusing the Indigenous perspective into the academic daily life of our students. We hope that the boys who attend will come away with stronger connections, a deeper awareness of their gifts and sense of belonging to their community. I am truly thankful for the support of our school Board leaders and administrators, Matachewan First Nation and our Board Indigenous leaders."



For more information, please contact Andrew Marks, Community Relations Officer, at 705-268-7443 ext. 3213.



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Information about Kris Morrison:

Born in the Omushkegowuk Territory of his Father, with a deeper connection to his Mother's Eeyou Istchee Territory. Mikisew Paytahkisoob Nabayoo-Eagle Calling Man known as Mr. Kristopher Morrison is a husband to a loving beautiful woman and father of three wonderful sons, and two daughters. He has accepted his role and responsibility as a Firekeeper to provide, protect and advocate for his family and community.

Kris innovatively articulates his traditional and cultural ways of over-all well-being to teach and listen to those he has the honour of meeting. His leadership skills and knowledge are used to encourage and make everyone in his presence feel welcome. Kris believes that knowing who you are leads to success at being yourself and is the most important achievement for all peoples.

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