



# Speaking to the Heart - The Importance of Understanding the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Perspectives for School Communities



PRESENTED BY

**Charlene Bearhead**



SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
October 19, 2017	9:00 AM - 3:15 PM



LOCATION

**Barnwell School - 497 Willow Park Drive**

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**\$30.00**

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## Program

Come spend a day with Charlene Bearhead to gain an understanding of why it is important that school communities work together to increase their knowledge and understanding of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspective and experience.

**8:45am to 9:00am**      **Welcome and Introductions**

**9:00am to 11:45am**      **Historical Perspective and Foundational Knowledge – all staff (15 min. break midway)**

This session will focus on why it is important that school communities know and understand the history of residential schools in Alberta and Canada as well as the history of the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement leading to the Alberta Joint Commitment to Action. It will provide school stakeholders the opportunity to explore their foundational and professional "starting points" for integration of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit understandings within their practice and to understand the legacy of residential schools and intergenerational trauma on learner development. This session will provide the historical background information and the stories of the First Nations' experience leading to today's reality.

**11:45 to 12:45pm**      **Lunch provided on site**

## **12:45pm to 1:45pm    The Role of Support Staff in Supporting Students Experiencing Intergenerational Trauma**

Many of our First Nations students and their families are impacted by intergenerational trauma. This session will focus on its impacts and provide suggestions for support staff and other school community members on a variety of ways to support students that are impacted by Intergenerational Trauma.

## **2:00pm to 3:15pm    First Nations Champions – Making a Difference In Our Schools**

The session is designed for school and jurisdiction leaders that are responsible for providing the leadership and support to their school communities in building foundational knowledge and understanding the First Nations perspective and history. Practical ideas and suggestions that can be implemented will be shared and participants will expand their ability to work with their school communities as they support this critical work.

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## **Presenters**

### **Charlene Bearhead**

**Charlene Bearhead** consultant for the Joint Commitment to Action and former education lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation will facilitate a full day education session on the history and legacy of residential schools and strategies for moving forward in the work of reconciliation education.

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