

16-06 BE IT RESOLVED that the position paper, crafted by the SSBA with guidance from the Aboriginal Constituency, be used to advocate to the Ministry of Education for mandatory curriculum that includes the rich and diverse history of the First Nations and Métis Peoples with their experience of the arrival of the European newcomers, and the legacy of the Indian Residential Schools era.

RESPONSE: Since 2013, renewal of most curricula, including secondary level courses has been on pause. Lisa Lambert, Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Education, is currently in the process of making recommendations to the Minister of Education concerning principles to guide future curriculum development. Decisions regarding the development of specific secondary level courses are pending based on these recommendations. Additionally, Jennifer Campeau, Legislative Secretary for First Nations and Métis Student Achievement is completing her engagement sessions regarding treaty education, truth and reconciliation and anti-racism. Once complete, she will present options and recommendations to the Minister of Education. Treaty Education is required for all K-12 students. Educating our children about the rich and diverse history of the First Nations and Métis people is important to the Ministry of Education and we have collaborated with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner to develop resources and other support materials for teachers.