



Policy: Treaty Land Acknowledgement

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POLICY

In recognition of Traditional lands, Hanover School Division acknowledges reconciliation as a relationship and as a process of healing. All Canadians, as Treaty people, are in a relationship based on mutual recognition, mutual respect and shared responsibility in maintaining the relationships with Canada's Indigenous Peoples.

As a public school system we contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching.

As an act of reconciliation and in the spirit of collaboration, as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action, Hanover School Division acknowledges and appreciates the rich history and knowledge of Indigenous Nations and the strong contribution to our collective identity as Canadians. Hanover School Division also understands the importance of honoring the broader Canadian and International context:

[United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

[Truth and Reconciliation Commission \(TRC\)](#)

[National Statement of Apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools](#)

GUIDELINES

- Division staff may read the Treaty Acknowledgement statement at board meetings and hosted public and/or community events and gatherings including but not limited to public consultation meetings, graduation, divisional professional development days, and the divisional staff awards and recognition banquet.
- Administrators and school staff may read the Treaty Acknowledgement statement at significant school and/or community special events, celebrations and gatherings including but not limited to, awards ceremonies, concerts and tournaments. The acknowledgement should be made at any appropriate time during the opening remarks.

- *A plaque acknowledging Treaty land will be placed in all properties on which the Hanover School Division operates.*
 - a. *[School, Department, Garage, Admin Office] resides on Treaty 1 land and the original homelands of the Métis people.*

Treaty Acknowledgement Statement:

We acknowledge the traditional territory upon which the schools of Hanover School Division reside as the lands of Treaty 1 territory and the homeland of the Metis people. Hanover School Division operates on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe. In the spirit of truth, reconciliation, and collaboration, we honour our relationship with Indigenous Peoples and respect the contributions of history, culture, and language of Canada's original peoples.

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