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**MEMORANDUM TO:**

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**SUBJECT:**

Updates to: *Reciprocal Education Approach (REA) Instructions  
for First Nations and School Boards*

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Thank you for your ongoing work to support the successful implementation of the Reciprocal Education Approach (REA), and to support First Nation students' access to education.

We are writing today to share updates to the REA Instructions for 2022-23. The REA Instructions were developed in 2019 to provide key information to First Nation partners and school boards regarding the implementation of the Reciprocal Education Approach, including school eligibility, student eligibility, the base fee, student enrolment, payment and reporting schedules, as well as other important processes.

We have attached the updated version of the document and for your ease of reference we have highlighted the most significant changes to the REA Instructions below. Also attached are a list of frequently asked questions.

### Changes to the REA Instructions for 2022-23

The 2022-23 edition of the REA Instructions reflect annual updates made to the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) regulation, which impact the REA base fees.

- Specific enhancements to the 2022-23 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) include:
  - New investments including the COVID-19 Learning Recovery Fund, an increase to the Special Equipment Amount (SEA) and new funding for Broadband Network Operations.
  - Transfers from Priorities and Partnerships Funding (PPF) and Other Languages in Education (OLE) into the GSN (e.g., an increase for Supporting Student Mental Health Allocation, a new allocation for Student Mental Well-Being Allocation, and a new allocation for Well-Being and Positive School Climates).
  - Other changes, including labour-related updates (e.g., enhancements to implement recently negotiated terms and conditions of employment for principals and vice-principals) and updates associated with keeping up with costs (e.g., updates to non-staff benchmarks).

We encourage all staff responsible for enrolment, particularly school principals and administrators, to review these documents.

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Attachments:

- 2022-23 REA Instructions for First Nations and School Boards
- Student Information Report (SIR) (excel)
- Student Enrolment List (SEL) (excel)