

# Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc.

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**August 30, 2012**

**To:** PHP Schools

**From:** Violet Okemaw, Director of Support Services

**Cc:** Gwen Merrick, Associate Executive Director  
Virginia Arthurson, PHP Specialist

**Re:** Information Letter - Private Home Placement (PHP) Project Update

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## **Background:**

This year, the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) approved an additional one-year funding for the *Private Home Placement (PHP)* under the Education Partnerships Program (EPP). The main objective of this initiative is to “improve coordination between First Nations and provincial schools to ensure smooth transitioning.” Additionally, the main activity is “to develop and implement programs and strategies to support First Nation students entering provincial schools.” (MFNERC, EPP Proposal, 2012)

## **PHP Workplan Activities:**

As a result of the approved funding, MFNERC has agreed to the proposed 2012-2013 PHP Work Plan activities, and hired a contractor to implement the following activities:

- Conduct ongoing partnership meetings with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), Manitoba Education, First Nations and MFNERC to support the follow-up activities
- Present the PHP Review Report Findings, PHP Framework and Handbook to select stakeholders
- Schedule an additional 10 regionals and/or community-based PHP Sessions for individual First Nations
  - Conduct additional regions/community-based sessions on the PHP Framework and Handbook inclusive of the best practices, policies, procedures and protocols.

Starting in September 2012, Virginia Arthurson, the newly hired PHP Contractor, will be contacting schools with PHP Programs to schedule information sessions, and to conduct workshops on the recently published *PHP Framework, Handbook and the Report Findings*.

Please indicate on the attached form a tentative date starting in September 2012 – February 2013 for this proposed half-day (1/2) session. PHP school counsellors and other education leaders working with PHP students are encouraged to attend.

Should you have any questions about the PHP Program, please contact Virginia via email at [varthurson@hotmail.com](mailto:varthurson@hotmail.com)

Thank you.



**2012-2013 Private Home Placement (PHP) Program**

**Community-based Information Sessions**

**Contact Information Form**

**Name of PHP Counsellor, or, Education Leader and position:**

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**Name of First Nation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

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**Email Address:**

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**Phone Numbers:** \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

**Suggested Date(s):** *Please identify specific dates, if possible, starting from late September 2012 until end of February 2013: (e.g. September 27, 2012)*

**Option 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return and fax completed form to (204)942-2490:**

**Attention: Virginia Arthurson, PHP Specialist, by Friday, September 14, 2012.**