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DAKOTA TIPI FIRST NATION JOINS MANITOBA FIRST NATION SCHOOL SYSTEM

Dakota Tipi First Nation, Mb. – A signing ceremony to celebrate a new partnership of Dakota Tipi First Nation and Manitoba First Nations School System (MFNSS) will take place on Thursday, August 29th, 2019. Dakota Tipi will be the eleventh community to join the MFNSS since its inception in July 2017. This partnership will provide enhanced supports to Dakota Tipi First Nation to improve the quality of education for their children.

The celebration will include opening remarks from Chief Eric Pashe of Dakota Tipi First Nation, Derek Bradley, Regional Program Manager Indigenous Services Canada, and Lorne C. Keeper, Executive Director of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC).

Media are invited to take part in the following activities:

Signing Ceremony between Dakota Tipi First Nation and Manitoba First Nations School System

Dakota Health and Wellness Centre (outdoors)

2020 Dakota Dr., Dakota Tipi Reserve, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Thursday, August 29, 2019

- 11:00 a.m. - Grand Entry and Opening Prayer by Elder
- 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Opening Remarks
- **11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Signing Ceremony**
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - Community Graduation and Drum Honour song
- 2:30 p.m. – Closing remarks from Chief and Council

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE MFNSS

- 1744 students
- 343 school staff
- 26 MFNSS staff
- Education Governance Agreement signed December 2016
- Focus on quality education, language, and culture

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Manitoba First Nations School System (MFNSS), the first of its kind in Canada, is a school system designed for First Nations by First Nations. A leader in First Nations education in Manitoba, MFNSS recognizes and meets the unique needs of First Nations students.

While respecting First Nations control, treaty and inherent rights, MFNSS supports schools to improve the quality of education, improve academic standards, and increase student outcomes, including retention, completion and graduation rates.

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