

Communications Questions

1. How have communications been conducted with Anishinabek Nation members?

The Union of Ontario Indians has used a variety of ways to keep First Nations leaders and members informed about the education negotiations.

The Anishinabek News regularly publishes articles about the negotiations, and other websites and newspapers have published information as well. The Anishinabek Nation regularly updates its Facebook and Twitter feeds with information about the negotiations, and maintains a website dedicated to the education agreement at sayyestoes.ca.

The Anishinabek Nation has also mailed information to members, and hand-delivered information to homes on reserve. And it has produced seven videos on education and related topics, and posted these online at sayyestoes.ca and on youtube.com.

The Anishinabek Nation has used its Education Working Group to keep people informed, and to determine how best to communicate with members. The working group meets four times a year. Its members include elected leaders, First Nations citizens, as well as the principals, teachers and education counsellors from First Nations schools. Of the 39 Anishinabek First Nations, 38 have attended working group meetings over the years, and 28 of these have attended regularly.

As well, the Anishinabek Nation has used community facilitators for over ten years to share information and listen to Anishinabe. It has hosted many community engagement sessions on and off reserve. More than 3,000 people attended these engagement sessions.

The nation has also hosted many conferences and workshops on education and self-government throughout the Anishinabek territory both on and off reserve.

2. How have communications been conducted with third parties?

The Anishinabek Nation has met regularly with the Ontario education and aboriginal affairs ministries since 2009. It delivered presentations on the education negotiations to 26 school boards off reserve.

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3. Where can I get more information about the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement?

Visit sayyestoaes.ca. Or call the Anishinabek Nation at 1-877-497-3799. You can reach the media relations representatives of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada at (819) 953-1160.