



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

(Internal/External Posting)

December 11, 2020

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION SUPPORT WORKER

Michipicoten First Nation is looking to fill a temporary position of Aboriginal Education Support Worker working within the Sir James Dunn Elementary School. The role of an Aboriginal Education Support Worker (AESW) is to support Michipicoten First Nation's students in achieving personal, academic, social, and behavioural goals during the 2020/2021 academic year, and to facilitate the understanding of Ojibway-Anishinaabe culture, heritage, customs, and values.

Reporting to Michipicoten's Manager, Health & Social Services, and working under the supervision of Sir James Dunn teaching staff, the Aboriginal Education Support Worker will provide social, emotional, mental, and spiritual, support and guidance to Michipicoten's students enrolled at Sir James Dunn Elementary School. As an ambassador and cultural interpreter, the AESW would also assist school staff and other Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students in understanding Ojibway-Anishinaabe culture.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide academic support, in both a group or individual setting and under the supervision of teaching staff, to Michipicoten First Nation's students with the goal of achieving personal success
- Provide Michipicoten First Nation's students with assistance and encouragement through coaching, explaining, and enhancing their learning experience.
- Encourage and assist Michipicoten First Nation's students in obtaining learning resources, materials for class and home, and to complete assignments in a timely manner.
- Monitor attendance, encourage regular participation in school, cultural events, and extracurricular activities.
- Provide mentoring and support to help strengthen students' cultural and individual identities.
- Support students emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually.
- Act as a liaison with counsellors, teachers, school staff and Michipicoten First Nation.
- Facilitate the understanding of Ojibway-Anishinaabe culture, heritage, values and history to staff and students.
- Assist in organizing, conducting, and supervising school activities such as field trips, social, and cultural events.
- Maintain the programs' education tools such as materials, supplies, and equipment
- Supervise students during breaks or during the temporary absence of the teachers.
- Reports incidents to the teacher or principal.
- Assume other duties as may be assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

- One (1) or more of the following post-secondary credentials: degree, diploma or certificate in Indigenous Educational Assistant, Special Education, Indigenous Family/Community Support, Child & Youth Worker, Social Service Worker with Native Specialization, or a degree/diploma/certificate in a related discipline; other equivalent combinations of related education and experience may also be considered.
- One (1) year specific experience working with Aboriginal students, parents, and their community (preferred).
- One (1) year of practical experience working with children with special needs (preferred)
- Knowledge of Ojibway-Anishinaabe culture, heritage, values, and history.
- Knowledge of inclusion and integration principals.
- Knowledge of support requirements for behaviour management, social and life skills programs.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- First Aid and CPR required.

This temporary position will commence upon the selection of a qualified candidate and will continue until June 29, 2021, based upon a 35-hour work week.

We offer a competitive salary based upon your experience and qualifications. If your qualifications and commitment to the success and well-being of Michipicoten First Nation's future leaders make you an ideal candidate for this position, **please submit a complete application package no later than January 4, 2021, via email to Lisa Belanger at hr@michipicoten.com**

The complete application package will include, a cover letter, a current resume including relevant leadership experience, most recent performance appraisal (if available), names and contact information of two (2) professional references, one of which must be a current or former supervisor.

Indigenous applicants and citizens of Michipicoten First Nation are encouraged to self-identify*

**Michipicoten First Nation is dedicated to promoting equity and diversity and serving the interests of Indigenous people. The successful candidate will be primarily engaged in serving the interests of Indigenous people. Michipicoten will give preference to Indigenous candidates who possess the necessary qualifications.*