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Siksika Board of Education Awarded \$950,043.55 in Funding from Indigenous Services Canada for Regional Education Agreement Development

Siksika Nation, May 8, 2025 – The Siksika Board of Education is pleased to announce that it has been awarded **\$950,043.55** in funding from **Indigenous Services Canada's (ISC) Education Partnerships Program (EPP)** – Regional Education Agreement (REA) Development component for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

This funding will support the advancement of Siksika's education priorities through three key activities: **the development of an Integrated Governance and Performance Framework, Formula Development, and the drafting of the Regional Education Agreement**. These initiatives are designed to strengthen local governance, enhance accountability, and ensure that educational programming is tailored to the needs of Siksika students.

A Regional Education Agreement (REA) is a formal arrangement between First Nations and the Government of Canada that outlines how education services will be delivered, funded, and governed. By exploring an REA, Siksika is taking steps toward greater control over education, promoting self-determination, and ensuring that our students receive high-quality, culturally relevant learning opportunities that reflect the unique values and priorities of our Nation.

"The REA process is a comprehensive process that Siksika Board of Education is undertaking to ensure our students and future generations will have the best



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*quality education for Siksika Nation students,” said **Sikohatsista Councillor Carlin Black Rabbit, Board Chair of the Siksika Board of Education.** “Our service agreements and funding formulas need to be equitable to meet the needs of our people. This announcement is another step forward and a win for Siksika Nation and our education system that we have had control running for 35+ years. This wouldn’t be possible without the support of Chief and Council, our Board of Directors, and the staff of our school board.”*

This funding represents a new chapter for the Siksika Board of Education—one where our community’s voice leads the way. With the support of Siksika Leadership and our community, we look forward to working together with families, educators, and partners to build a brighter future for our students, rooted in our Siksika culture and guided by our shared vision

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