

# Director of Education

Our client, The **Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC)** is seeking a **Director of Education** to be responsible for leading and coordinating AMC education initiatives, including the reassertion of First Nations jurisdiction in the area of Education, and the advocacy, strategic planning, management and the ongoing development of a First Nations education framework with Manitoba First Nations and other key stakeholders. This role will be under the direction of the AMC Executive Director and will be the lead of the Manitoba First Nations Education Table.

## RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Lead the development of a First Nations approach to transform education and reassert First Nations jurisdiction; and develop a renewed nation to nation relationship with First Nations (and Canada)
- Lead the development of five draft template education laws that reflect Anishinaabe (or Ojibway), Neheto (or Cree), Oji-Cree, Dene and Dakota traditions, language and culture
- Work with Canada in developing federal recognition legislation to fully implement First Nations education laws
- Serve as the AMC representative on all Province of Manitoba, regional and national education initiatives, processes and negotiations
- Direct and monitor education initiatives to ensure that the initiatives progress on schedule and within prescribed budgets and scope of mandate
- Participate in the development and implementation of negotiation strategies applicable to specific education issues and/or funding changes
- Provide advice relative to problem solving and resolution of education issues
- Prepare and provide verbal and written reports on education activities and outcomes achieved for the Grand Chief, AMC Chiefs Committee on Education, AMC senior management, and applicable Working Groups/committees
- Develop and maintain a communication network of education stakeholders including Chiefs and Councils, education authorities, tribal councils and other organizations involved in First Nations education
- Establish direction through lobbying to resolve education issues and development of draft resolutions for political consideration and ensure appropriate follow up
- Liaise with the Manitoba First Nations Executive Directors / Managers of First Nation education initiatives including the MFNERC, and other initiatives and processes
- Monitor research and policy developments impacting on education
- Prepare annual, quarterly and monthly reports and updates on educational issues
- Coordinate meetings of the Education Directors, Working Groups, and other committees which may be established to address specific education issues



## QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

- Master's Degree in Education or equivalent experience with a varied work experience in the field of education
- Knowledge of First Nations Treaty-Crown relationship and histories and knowledge of constitutional, legal, legislative and political framework that impacts on First Nations
- Experience working with and comprehensive understanding of Manitoba First Nations, Manitoba First Nations education reform strategies, and the mandate and role of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
- Knowledge of First Nations culture, history and issues
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and cross-cultural skills to work in a First Nations environment
- Fluency in a First Nations language is considered an asset
- Demonstrated negotiation skills

If you would like more information about this position or **The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs**, please visit <http://bit.ly/AMC-DE> or contact **Donna Bilodeau, Senior Consultant, Legacy Bowes Group** at (204) 934-8825.

If you believe you can make a strong contribution to this organization as the **Director of Education** please submit your resume in confidence to [Donna@legacybowes.com](mailto:Donna@legacybowes.com) quoting position # **183155**.

