

# Aboriginal Parent/Guardian Volunteer Advocacy

Lakehead Public Schools

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## Aboriginal Parent/Guardian Volunteer Advocacy Program



**Empowering parents, guardians and students  
for student success.**

**Are you a parent/guardian who has moved from  
a First Nation community recently?**

**Would you like to learn about where to access  
community supports?**

**Are you a parent/guardian who has limited  
English and would like assistance with  
communication at the school?**

**Are you a parent/guardian who would like  
support by having someone attend a school  
meeting with you?**



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Growing  
Character  
Together

Integrity Acceptance Responsibility

Empathy Respect





**Lakehead Public Schools is piloting a program that is geared to assist parent/guardians of Aboriginal students and staff of elementary and secondary schools. The purpose is to nurture relationships, bring collaboration and provide support.**

**Some areas of support could include:**

- **Assistance with student registration**
- **Navigation of the educational system**
- **Translation**
- **Transition to school**
- **Connection to community supports**
- **Assistance with school event visits and participation**
- **Parent/Teacher interviews and meetings**

## Empowering parents, guardians and students for student success.



**Parents play the first and most important role in their children's education and are key partners in building a quality education system.**

**Parental involvement in education takes many forms and can contribute to their child's success by helping their children with homework, asking them about their day, communicating with their teachers and providing guidance and support for their child.**

**Parents can become involved in education through various Lakehead Public Schools' school community groups such as School Council, Special Education Advisory Committee, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee, or by performing other volunteer roles within the school or board.**

**Lakehead Public Schools recognizes the principle of advocacy by providing parents and guardians an opportunity to access an advocate if they wish to utilize one for additional supports. An advocate can be seen as a support person, helper, friend and/or interpreter.**



**For more information on this program and how to access a volunteer through the Aboriginal Parent/Guardian Volunteer Advocate Program, contact Aboriginal Community Liaison and Partnership Officer (807) 625-5100 or you may inquire at your child's school.**

# APPLICATION

## ABORIGINAL PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY PROGRAM



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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

**I will bring the following skills to the role of volunteer Aboriginal Parent/Guardian Advocate.**

Please check (✓) appropriate boxes and include additional skills in the space below.

- Knowledge of Aboriginal culture
- Sensitive to Aboriginal challenges
- Familiar with local Aboriginal agencies and community support services
- Conflict resolution skills
- Knowledge of educational system
- Translation
- Language Fluencies
  - Oji-cree  Speak  Read  Write
  - Ojibwe  Speak  Read  Write
  - Cree  Speak  Read  Write
- Other

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# APPLICATION

Complete the following

Preference for locations available

South side of Thunder Bay

North side of Thunder Bay

List the reason(s) that you have for becoming a volunteer Aboriginal Parent/Guardian Advocate:

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Three References (Letters of support can be provided)

1.	<hr/> Name	<hr/> Contact Telephone
2.	<hr/> Name	<hr/> Contact Telephone
3.	<hr/> Name	<hr/> Contact Telephone

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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DATE

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Thank you

**Completed application forms  
must be received on or before  
March 23, 2012**

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Victoria Park Training Centre  
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