



Job Opportunity

Education Partnership Program Liaison

The Education Partnership Program (EPP) Liaison undertakes assigned activities in support of the EPP joint Implementation Plan that are designed to improve the scope and quality of education programs and services available to NAN First Nation students attending provincially funded schools, and the KO First Nations respective partners. This position is critical to the successful completion of EPP educational initiatives and for maintaining effective liaison with First Nations and assigned Provincial District School Boards (DSBs) and their respective schools.

The EPP Liaison is an integral member of the KOBE Student Success team. This position is expected to effectively represent the EPP Partnership that includes Nishnawbe Aski Nation, the Ontario Ministry of Education and Indigenous Service Canada at the DSB, school and First Nation levels. Much of the work to be undertaken by this position requires development of effective local partnership initiatives at the school levels and as such, this position is well suited to a candidate who has very effective interpersonal skills and who can function effectively as part of a team.

The EPP Liaison is responsible to:

- ❖ Establish positive and direct relationship with assigned KOBE partners that enroll NAN First Nation high school students
- ❖ Recommend to KOBE partners appropriate resources and teaching materials which will improve the cultural relevancy of school programs and where required, help ensure approval for use of such materials in KOBE partners schools
- ❖ Help plan appropriate Professional Development activities for teachers of First Nation students in collaboration with KOBE partners Schools
- ❖ Assist with the implementation of specific EPP activities at the KOBE partners Schools level
- ❖ Foster positive relationships between First Nation schools and Board schools including by promoting effective and ongoing communication between them
- ❖ Support planning, implementation, and evaluation of specific transition activities to ensure the smooth integration of First Nation students in Board schools including by ensuring First Nations school transition processes are aligned with their receiving Board schools
- ❖ In collaboration with the KOBE partners Schools, promote and help plan cultural events
- ❖ Help ensure that First Nation and KOBE partners Schools are aware of the EPP program, its activities and opportunities
- ❖ Encourage and facilitate the involvement of First Nation students in KOBE partners School sports and extra-curricular programs
- ❖ Maintain ongoing contact with the NAN EPP Steering Committee
- ❖ Prepare regular progress reports for the Education Partnership Table
- ❖ Participate as requested in EPP Lead Meetings and in the Education Partnership Table meetings
- ❖ Deliver presentations at Partnership Table Meetings, teacher conferences, workshops and symposia as requested by NAN and/or KOBE partners Schools



- ❖ Help ensure alignment between EPP activities and Board FNMI (Aboriginal Education Strategy) funding and activities
- ❖ Any other significant duties related with the position as assigned by the immediate supervisor

Qualifications

- 5+ years' work experience
- OCT qualified teacher preferred or Bachelor's Degree with experience in First Nation schools
- Knowledge of First Nation education issues, challenges and delivery models
- Ability to work effectively with others
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to work both independently and in a team environment
- Strong communication skills with proficiency in developing written communications and the development and delivery of oral presentations
- Willing to travel to First Nation communities, in small aircrafts
- The ability to speak Ojibwe, Anisininew or Cree is an asset
- Must possess strong facilitation skills

Competitive salary based on education and experience.

KOBE offers a Comprehensive Benefit Package.

Applicants interested in this position are welcome to submit their resume and cover letter with three recent professional references including your current supervisor and a letter of permission for KO Board of Education to contact these references to: resumes@edu.knet.ca

As per policy, applicants should note that COVID-19 Immunization is a condition of employment within KOBE.

KOBE gives preference in hiring to members of the KO First Nations, and secondly to indigenous individuals from outside of the KO First Nations. Qualified members of the KO First Nations, as well as indigenous people from outside the KO First Nations are encouraged to apply.

Closing Date: April 30, 2024

KOBE wishes to thank all applicants in advance. However, only those granted an interview will be contacted.