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### ***Six Nations Lifelong Learning Taskforce Launches Website and Engagement Platform***

**Brantford, ON. October 19, 2020** – The Six Nations Lifelong Learning Taskforce is excited to announce the launch of their new website and online engagement platform. The online engagement platform seeks to gather the community’s guidance on what a recommended education plan looks like for Six Nations. Respondents provide input on ideas and draft recommendations on a rating scale from “totally opposed” to “in total support”. Each question provides a bit of background information including work in done in the space to date or past key findings. It then proposes a statement or solution for rating and comment. Respondents can see what other respondents have commented or they can edit their privacy settings to only share their comment with engagement admins. The platform will release engagement topics as information is gathered and processed. The platform allows participants to log in frequently to provide input on new topics or anything that respondents missed or needed more time to contemplate.

Community Engagement is divided into two phases. Phase One (ongoing until Spring 2021) focuses discussions on Kindergarten to Grade 12. Phase two of engagement



will build on community direction provided on K-12 education and expand to include the full Lifelong Learning continuum and will take place Spring 2021 to Spring 2022.

The website itself, includes detailed reports tailored to the unique education landscape on Six Nations. Items in these reports explain various nuances about Six Nations education including costing structures for ongoing programming, future infrastructure needs, enhancement to special needs programming, and parental/community involvement. The website also includes a general history about Six Nations historical pursuit to take control of their “education story” over the past several decades. “We encourage the community, to read through the LLTF reports section to help familiarize yourselves with the work the LLTF is trying to complete,” said Julia Candlish, Education Manager.

The Lifelong Learning Taskforce was established in early 2018 and was formed to guide the development of recommendations on a world class education system for the Six Nations Community. The taskforce will be providing recommendations to Six Nations on a proposed education system grounded in language and culture that will meet the current and future needs of Six Nations learners. The taskforce is comprised of over 30 representatives from all schools and entities involved in supporting lifelong learning at Six Nations. The taskforce is open to adding new members throughout the process.

In order to ensure the education plan is reflective of the Six Nations Community, the Lifelong Learning Taskforce needs the community to be involved in the engagement



process. There are multiple ways the Six Nations community members can get involved whether it's online or in-person. The Lifelong Learning Taskforce needs the community to comment on these proposed recommendations to ensure they are reflective of the voice of the Six Nations Community. Community members can engage online by visiting the Six Nations Lifelong Learning Taskforce Website at [www.snlifelonglearning.ca](http://www.snlifelonglearning.ca) or can contact us for in-person opportunities by calling 226-493-1245.

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#### **About Six Nations Lifelong Learning Taskforce:**

The Six Nations Lifelong Learning Taskforce was established in spring of 2018 to build upon previous activities in the area of education development for Six Nations. The Taskforce will engage the Six Nations Community, community organizations, and external partners to develop a strategic recommended education plan. The Taskforce will provide wholistic recommendations to identify an education system that will meet the current and future needs of Six Nations learners. These recommendations will be developed with ongoing input from the community and relevant partners. Once engagement is completed, a recommended Strategic Plan will be proposed by LLTF, for review and decision making purposes to the community. For more information, or to participate in the engagement visit [www.snlifelonglearning.ca](http://www.snlifelonglearning.ca)

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