



FORT MCKAY
FIRST NATION

Sept 7, 2022

Welcome Back to the School Year

Dear Fort McKay Students and Education Staff,

On behalf of myself and Council, welcome back to another school year!

It seems like just yesterday we were at graduation celebrating the educational achievements of so many members. It is clear that education is a major priority for our Nation. Chief and Council are proud of each and every person continuing to work on their learning goals in 2023.

We are also excited to begin the second full year at Elsie Fabian School, where we continue to promote and preserve our languages, history, and culture. We are proud to hear that results from last year's literacy report were good and the school is moving ahead with a school-wide writing program.

This year will also see the opening of the school's cultural centre in support of land-based learning programs. The learning will now accommodate larger animals like moose with hanging racks, a walk-in freezer and fridge. Once the snow comes, we will also see the beginning of the skiing and snowshoeing program, another great way for our learners to get out on the land.

We value and appreciate all of our learners and those who help them achieve their goals. Thank you, students, teachers, and staff of Fort McKay First Nation, for your dedication to education and your hard work.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the School Board Trustees for their hard work, dedication and commitment to education and Elsie Fabian School.

Sincerely,

Chief Raymond Powder

CC: FMFN Councillors David Bouchier, Crystal McDonald, Bobby Shott, Melinda Stewart