

ANISHINABEK NATION EDUCATION AGREEMENT RATIFICATION VOTE

NOVEMBER 28TH TO DECEMBER 2ND, 2016



Ratification Vote Process

- Negotiated and agreed to by the Anishinabek First Nations and Canada
- Set out in Schedule B of the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement
- Same process applies to all Anishinabek First Nations running a ratification vote

Who Can Vote

- Members of the First Nations running a ratification vote who are 18 years of age or older on December 2nd, 2016, regardless of residence
- Your name must be on the List of Eligible Voters for your First Nation to receive a Ballot

Voter Identification

- Show one of these pieces of identification:
 - Driver's licence
 - Provincial ID card
 - Status card
 - Passport
 - Health card
 - Other document accepted by the Ratification Officer

Ways to Vote

- In-Person at Ratification Vote Information Sessions
 - September 6th to October 12th
- In-Person at Off-Reserve Voting
 - November 28th and 29th from 9 am to 8 pm at 5 Urban Centre Voting Stations
- In-Person at On-Reserve Voting
 - November 30th, December 1st and 2nd from 9 am to 8 pm
- Mail-In Ballots
 - Up until the close of voting on December 2nd at 8 pm

First Nation Ratification Target

- There is a target number of “yes” votes required to know that a First Nation has approved the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement
- With 639 Voters – Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation will need 160 “Yes” votes and fewer “No” votes

Anishinabek Nation Threshold

- 12 First Nations need to say “Yes”

Counting Ballots

- All Ballots will be counted in public at the close of the on-reserve voting station on December 2nd, 2016
- Unofficial vote results will be posted in each First Nation after the Ballots are counted
- The official vote results will be publicly released by the Anishinabek Nation and Canada jointly

Ratification Objections

- An Eligible Voter may file a written objection challenging the validity of the ratification vote up to December 12th, 2016
- A First Nation's official vote results will not be announced until after the objection is resolved by the Appeal Board

Questions?

- Ask now
- Contact your First Nation Ratification Vote Officer or an Urban Centre Ratification Officer