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CHIPPEWAS OF KETTLE AND STONY POINT FIRST NATION AND ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TO SIGN HISTORIC TUITION SERVICE AGREEMENT

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board and officials of the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation (CKSPFN) have reached an historic agreement, which formalizes tuition services for secondary school students attending St. Patrick's Catholic High School in Sarnia.

"I want to offer a very special welcome – 'ahnii' – to our students who come to St. Patrick's Catholic High School from the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation," says Dan Parr. "Through this important new partnership, we pledge to provide for them the very best that Catholic education has to offer."

Kettle and Stony Point First Nation Chief Thomas Bressette says he is "happy to be able to help students who seek the education offered." This is an important and supportive collaboration that will provide CKSPFN students access to their educational curriculum of choice.

The tuition service agreement is the result of mutual trust and respect, which has developed into a strong partnership. The agreement is the first to be entered into by the CKSPFN and St. Clair Catholic, and formalizes a framework for the services and supports provided by both the Board and the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. It also sets out reporting requirements for tuition fees collected by the Board.

Tuition service agreements are being developed between school boards and First Nation governments across the province, under the guidance and direction of Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Education.

A formal signing of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board and Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation Tuition Service Agreement will take place on ***Monday, October 24, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., followed by a brief reception with light refreshments, at Hillside School, 6265 Indian Lane, Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. Members of the media and community are welcome.***

The Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation is located in southern Ontario along the shores of Lake Huron.

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