

## Administrative Procedure 155 - 1 Appendix A - Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

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### Background

The Division recognizes the historical significance and contributions of the Indigenous Peoples and their cultures and understands the important role that the Indigenous community plays today and in the future. The Division also understands the importance of honoring the following Canadian events, namely:

- June 3, 2015 – Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) closing ceremony
- June 10, 2008 – National Statement of Apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools
- June 21, 1996 – National Indigenous Peoples Day This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous Peoples.

And as such the Division recognizes the importance of honoring and acknowledging Treaty 6 territory as we work towards strengthening relations and building bridges with our neighboring Indigenous communities.

### Definition

In the context of Indigenous cultures, “traditional territory” refers to a specific place within Alberta that has been a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Assiniboine, Stoney, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. Over 47 different First Nations are represented across Alberta.

### Procedures

1. Administrators and school staff will acknowledge the Treaty 6 territory with the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement Statement at significant school and/or community special events, celebrations and gatherings.

- 1.1. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement Statement:

“Clearview Public Schools acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the history, languages and cultures of the First Nations, Metis, Inuit and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our school division.”

- 1.2. Alternative Treaty 6 land acknowledgement statements are available from the Superintendent if needed.

2. The acknowledgement is recommended to be made after the MC's opening remarks and the singing of "O Canada".

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Reference: Section 33, 52, 53, 197, 222 Education Act

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