

# Mississauga First Nation Education Department

## Mission Statement

Mississauga Education Department values the Anishnaabe belief/teachings of the Seven Grandfathers'; thereby facilitating self-confidence and self-awareness by providing quality educational services, for students and community residents.

## Objectives

To provide educational programs/services which promote positive spiritual, emotional, physical, and intellectual well-being on a personal, academic and social level.

- We offer guidance and support for students through program development reflecting self-esteem, self confidence and social well-being.
- We promote a holistic approach to education by providing programs and services designed to reinforce/instil Anishnaabe identity.
- We promote individual awareness of the importance of formal education and academic achievement and its opportunities.
- We promote academic and personal educational goals contributing to the well-being of the Future Seven Generations for the Mississauga First Nation Community Members

## Philosophy

"Where Education connects teachings of the past with dreams for future generations."

## Education Staff

Ernestine McLeod – Education Director

Connie Morningstar – Post Secondary Education

Stacy Schellekens – Adult Ed. Teacher/Literacy Skills Instructor

Alesia Boyer – Literacy Co-ordinator

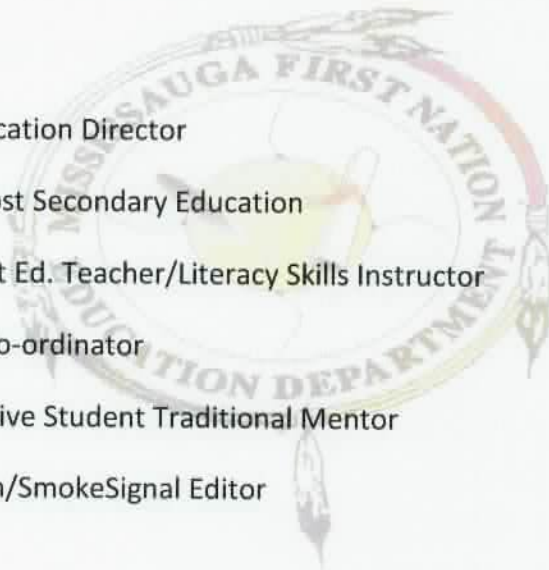
Reginald Niganobe – Native Student Traditional Mentor

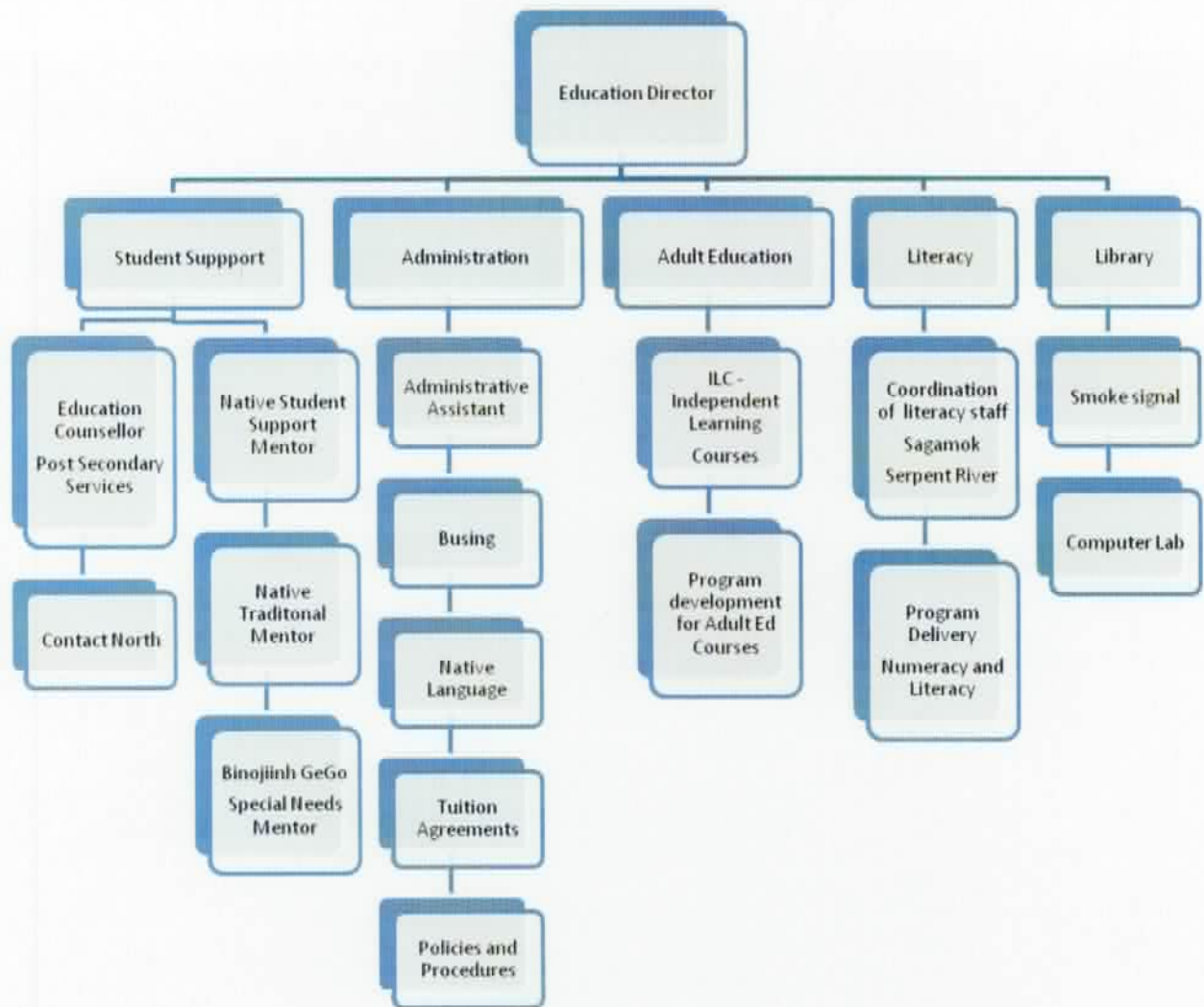
Cliff Niganobe – Librarian/SmokeSignal Editor

Janitorial Services

Joan Daybutch Emiigwed Binooginh GeGo – Gifted Children Mentor

Terrilynn Chiblow - Native Student Support Mentor





### **Education Director**

Education Director oversees educational programs and services for Mississaugi First Nation. Funding is provided by Indian and Northern Affairs-INAC.

### **Literacy program/services**

Literacy Co-ordinator monitors literacy staff from two other First Nations, Serpent River and Sagamok. Program services provide basic numeracy and literacy skill development for First Nation residents. Funding is provided by Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

### **Adult Education**

The Adult Ed Teacher is housed at the Enjikendaasang Learning Center. Services are provided to Adult Ed learners, who wish to complete their grade 12 and prepare for college or university instruction. Funding is provided by Indian and Northern Affairs-INAC

### **Post Secondary**

The Post Secondary Counsellor provides educational counselling services to Secondary students and Post Secondary Students, assisting with financial allowances for students attending University and College course of study. Funding is provided by Indian and Northern Affairs-INAC

### **Native Student Traditional Mentor – W.C Eaket Secondary**

The Native Student Mentor is situated at classroom setting at W.C Eaket Secondary School. Services for secondary students include assisting students to prepare for college/university life, incentives for students to complete their grade 12. This program is jointly funded by Mississauga First Nation, and Algoma District School Board with Mississauga overseeing the program.

### **Emiigwed Binooginh GeGo Program - Gifted children Mentor**

Research and development of specialized services for Students with Special Needs pilot project will start in school year 2009/2010, and identifying potential projects within the Mississauga First Nations community. Gifted student learning center at Library with purchase of computer equipment, photocopier, laptop and program software. After school programming is scheduled for students in the school year 2009/2010.

### **Library/SmokeSignal Editor**

The Librarian is housed in the main building. The Librarian oversees the operation of the library and Newsletter "SmokeSignal." Funding is provided by Library Association and Mississauga Trust.

### **Janitorial Services**

Janitorial services are provided for buildings, main education building, library, and Enjikendaasang learning center. Funding is provided by Indian and Northern Affairs-INAC.

### **Bussing Services**

The bussing contract is provided to MacIver's and Mississauga First Nation. MFN Bussing transports Secondary students to W.C Eaket. MacIver's bus transports elementary students to Blind River Public school and St. Mary's Separate School. Funding is provided by Indian and Northern Affairs-INAC

### **Volunteer Staff**

Computer Volunteer staff assists with library and Adult Ed offering services regarding maintenance of computer systems

Volunteer staff assists with opening and closing library

### **Upcoming Services**

➤ **Native Language Teachers/Cultural Programming**