**What is the Memorandum to Cabinet? (MC)**

A co-development between the Assembly of ***First Nations (AFN),***its ***Chiefs Committee on* *Education (CCOE)*** and ***Indian Northern Affairs Canada (INCAC)*** to address First Nations education funding in relation to:

* Unlocking the remaining funding of approximately $665 million from the 2016 federal budget for “Implementing Transformation” which allows not just for school boards but for all First Nations to access.
* Supporting First Nations in negotiating and concluding “First Nation Education Agreements” through funded regional tables. These agreements will support a First Nation-based education funding model, which will be unique based on their educational needs.
	+ Note: a region can be defined as First Nations see fit, whether it be an individual First Nation, a language family, a tribal council entity, Treaty affiliation or an entire province.
	+ 2019-2020- In the case that a regional education agreement is not in place, First Nations will be funded using regional interim funding models.
* Replacing INAC’s outdated, inequitable federal proposal-based programming with regional funding models and education approaches that are sufficient, predictable and sustainable funding.
* Develop a supplementary budget ask for the 2019 Federal Budget if additional funding is required beyond the interim funding allocation.

In relation to the MC, the ***Chiefs of Ontario (COO)*** mandates are as follows:

* Ensuring core funding covers all relevant areas
* Balancing core and proposal-based funding
* Local control of funding First Nation developed systems
* Transitional funding supports
* Long-term security

***AIAI*** is significant to providing input on the finalization of an interim funding formula as they serve as a diverse advocacy group. Thus, offering the possibility of multiple systems, agreements, implications and successes that can be shared throughout all member Nations in addressing their educational needs. Education reform engagement sessions with member Nations are currently in the process to aid in identifying those needs and deepening the understanding of the MC. A regional gathering will also be held late February for AIAI’s member Nations.