



# TELUS World of Science – Edmonton and MacEwan University build partnerships with Northland School Division to promote student success

**WHAT:** Media are invited to witness the signing of two memoranda of understanding that will foster growth and success for the students and staff of Northland School Division.

The first, between TELUS World of Science – Edmonton and Northland, formalizing an ongoing strategic partnership between the organizations by providing enhanced science programming for K - 12 students.

The second, between Northland and MacEwan University, will provide Northland high school students with access to the university's dual credit course, INDG 100: Introduction to Indigenous Studies.

- WHEN: June 21, 2021, at 12:45 p.m.
- WHERE: TELUS World of Science Edmonton (outdoors in Coronation Park) 11211 142 St NW, Edmonton, AB
- **WHO:** The following people will be available for interviews:
  - Elder Gilman Cardinal
  - Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras, Superintendent, Northland School Division
  - Dr. Heather McRae, Dean, MacEwan University School of Continuing Education
  - Alan Nursall, President & CEO, TELUS World of Science Edmonton
- WHY: The collaborative partnership between TELUS World of Science Edmonton and Northland School Division will provide enhanced science programming for K 12 students. This will include hands-on science learning (remote and in-person), Indigenous perspectives, renewed focus on STEM subjects, and more. One of the goals of the partnership is to support students in discovering their career passions and interests as well as increased interest in post-secondary science programs.

The agreement between Northland and MacEwan provides students with access to INDG 100 through remote delivery. Students will receive high school credit for Indigenous 30 and three university credits for INDG 100. In the course, students analyze works by Indigenous writers from a range of genres and are presented with cultural opportunities, including meeting Elders, participating in ceremonies and land-based teaching in their home community.

**HOW:** Any media interested are asked to RSVP by emailing Adrienne Vansevenandt at <u>avansevenandt@twose.ca</u> by noon on June 21, 2021.

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## About TELUS World of Science – Edmonton

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton's mission is to: Ignite curiosity. Inspire discovery. Celebrate science. Change lives. We are the destination to engage Albertans' hearts and minds in science. The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates TELUS World of Science – Edmonton.

#### About MacEwan University

MacEwan University inspires students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Through learner-centred teaching, the university connects with students to create a unique post-secondary experience that opens up diverse pathways for their achievement and growth.

## **About Northland School Division**

Northland School Division (NSD) is situated in some of the most stunning areas in northern Alberta. Covering 288,347 square kilometres, our schools are located near mountains, lakes, rivers, forests, and wetlands. At NSD, 95% of the student population is of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit descent. We have approximately 2,000 students in 20 schools. Our commitment is to inspire students to be the best they can be by providing outstanding holistic educational opportunities, with amazing staff and strong partnerships with families and communities.