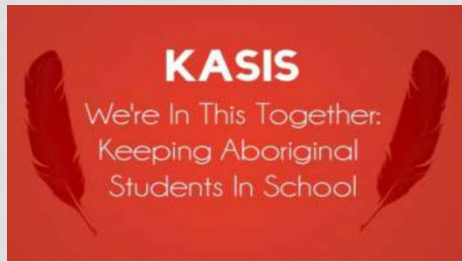


# Weaving the Braid of Indigenous Knowledge and International Education



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Elder Larry Grant  
Musqueam First Nation

Research tells us that school success is inextricably linked to relationships, and none more profoundly than that of the relationships students have with their family and school community (KASIS, 2016).

Education, can then be viewed as both a cause and cure for harm and injustice.

# Weaving the Braid of Indigenous Knowledge Locally

TO HONOR ALL  
CREATION IS TO  
HAVE RESPECT



Student Demographics

Community Demographics

Ministry of Education

Roles and Responsibilities

Creating Space





## ROOTED WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY



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### DOCUMENTS

- [2017/2018 Family of Schools Alloc...](#)
- [2017 2018 Ab Ed Dept Calendar](#)
- [AEW Handbook July 13 2017](#)
- [Framework for Enhancing Student...](#)

# Weaving the Braid of Indigenous Knowledge Nationally

## The Hidden Barriers We Are NOT Talking About

### Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report

HUMILITY IS TO  
KNOW YOURSELF AS  
A SACRED PART OF  
CREATION



*“It is precisely because education was the primary tool of oppression of Aboriginal People and Miseducation of ALL CANADIANS that we have concluded that education holds the key to reconciliation” – Justice Murray Sinclair*

*“Euro-centric forms of teaching and learning that dominate the classrooms, systemic racism that results in low expectations for Aboriginal learners and the marginalization of Indigenous Knowledges creates barriers to learning” Archibald, Hare 2017*

## Weaving the Braid of Indigenous Knowledge Globally

HONESTY IN FACING  
A SITUATION IS TO BE  
HONORABLE



*“Researchers cannot delude themselves that they are looking at the same model of education globally, just because us as educators use a common vocabulary” (Anderson-Levitt, 2003).*

Creating Space

Lost Generation



## Questions – Final Thoughts

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