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## MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE ANNOUNCES 11TH ANNUAL WESTERN CANADA FIRST NATIONS ADMINISTRATORS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

### Conference held in conjunction with Lighting the Fire Conference

March 4, 2015-Winnipeg, Manitoba - The Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) is proud to host the 11th Annual Western Canada First Nations Administrators Education Conference in conjunction with its annual Lighting the Fire Conference. The joint conference will be held May 6-8, 2015, at the Victoria Inn and Convention Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

As our First Nations school system has grown through the 21st century, a generation of dynamic education leaders has emerged, influenced by those visionaries who sought to push Indigenous rights and self-determination forward. To give voice to these new leaders, MFNERC welcomes the conference's keynote, Joseph Boyden, a critically acclaimed, award-winning novelist whose works have eloquently described First Nations heritage and culture.

"MFNERC is proud to showcase not only the work being done in Manitoba in administration and school planning but also to provide guidance and inspiration to educators through a dynamic lineup of workshops that focus on groundbreaking initiatives, curricula, and viewpoints," says Lorne C. Keeper, Executive Director.

The conference will concentrate on perspectives from educational and political leadership and includes innovative plans and strategies that have been successful in First Nations schools throughout Western Canada.

"The conference is true to its theme, Where Eagles Gather. We are bringing together Chiefs and Councillors, schools boards, education directors, principals, aspiring administrators, teachers, and parents," Lorne C. Keeper adds.

#### About Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre

Established in 1998 by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre provides the province's leading education, administration, technology, language and culture services to First Nations schools in Manitoba.

