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Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Announces Annual Conference

Lighting The Fire Will Tackle New Approaches To Education

February 5, 2016 — Winnipeg, MB — The Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc. (MFNERC) is proud to host its annual Lighting the Fire Conference. The conference will be held on May 11-13 2016, at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

This year's conference theme is *"A New Era: Cultural Renaissance in Indigenous Education,"* and it will acknowledge resiliency in Indigenous education in Canada. Workshops will explore how Manitoba educators incorporate pre-colonial philosophies and customs in their educational approaches within on-reserve schools.

"First Nations have always practiced effective teaching approaches, including the methodology of hands-on learning, and today these approaches are being implemented with great efficacy," says Lorne C. Keeper, Executive Director of MFNERC.

The conference boasts a variety of workshops from educators with groundbreaking, practical approaches to help students thrive.

"These dynamic methods, in practice in our schools throughout Manitoba, are inclusive of community, school, and nationhood," adds Lorne C. Keeper.

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.

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