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David Chartrand, LL.D. (Hon)
President

Dear Metis Citizens,

I want to reassure you that your Metis Government has been working hard during this COVID-19 pandemic to provide support for you, our Metis Citizens. As Minister of Education, I want to do the same for our Metis students and their families who are now working from home. Our parents were our first teachers. They taught us how to cook, chop wood, and wash our clothes. Learning was natural. We learned by watching and copying. Now is the time to go back to those traditional ways.

At the K-12 level, the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) knows that teachers are providing material for students and many families are working from home. We also know that as our children get older their homework gets harder and we as parents have a hard time helping them. For that reason, we are about to launch online educational programming, with activities, that parents/caregivers and their children can do at home.

We will be advertising the programming on the MMF website (mmf.mb.ca) and on social media. We will also be having a prize every week, so stay tuned on Tuesday mornings at 10. We will have a "Calendar of Events" that will span from April until the end of June. Eventually we hope to have multiple slots at different times of the day. Our goal is to develop fun activities that support student learning. We will do our best to address as many grades and subjects as we can. Some material will be new while other ideas will come from existing material.

For the younger students, we will develop a 30-minute show with a story, an activity, a Michif Word (or phrase) of the Day and a song to learn that word (or phrase). For older students, we are working with the MMF Provincial Youth Advisory Council to identify tutors who can support high school students working in difficult subject areas such as math and science. We will use segments of our Metis History and Governance videos that have already been developed. We will also be demonstrating cultural activities, such as beading, sash weaving, and making bannock, and learning to jig, play the fiddle, or guitar as well. All resources will be put into the MMF YouTube channel, so they are available at any time.

We hope that you as parents and caregivers can encourage your children to tune into our Red River Cart Adventures on Tuesday mornings at 10. Our first show will be next Tuesday, April 28th at 10. Each week email lrreception@mmf.mb.ca to register your child to win a prize.

Sincerely,

Joan Ledoux,
Minister of Education
Manitoba Metis Federation

cc: David Chartrand, President