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| **Ojibwe Language Strategy: Pathways Information - Draft** |
| **Overview:**The purpose of Ojibwe Language Strategy is to help **develop future teachers of Ojibwe** in schools and communities. As of the 2018-2019 school year, we are in year two of the seven year plan. The strategy is the result of a partnership with the Rainy River District School Board, Seven Generations Education Institute,, and SayITFirst, an organization committed to the revitalization of local Indigenous languages.  |
| **Who is it for?**Participants in the Language Strategy will:* be **Rainy River District School Board** students;
* be considering a career as a **teacher or Early Childhood Educator (ECE)**, with a focus on teaching **Ojibwe language** along with other teachable subjects;
* **be considering other careers** where conversational fluency would be an asset (e.g. business, health services, social work);
* benefit from completing some **post-secondary education closer to home**;
* be committed to successful **completion of the RRDSB Ojibwe program** from elementary to Grade 12.
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| **What is involved?**Participants will benefit from highly individualized program planning to support them on the path to earning certification as a **teacher of Ojibwe** or **Early Childhood Education** (ECE). Supports as provided by the partners in this strategy will include:* **regular, ongoing exposure to the language** in context by First speakers to develop fluency from a young age
* **pathway planning** to ensure the necessary educational requirements are met for **high school, college, and university** - including secondary Ojibwe language classes;
* **co-operative education** to provide **real-world experience in Ojibwe language education** and revitalization;
* **paid summer employment opportunities** (e.g. as co-leader of language summer camps for youth);
* **additional academic support** as needed, provided through schools and communities;
* opportunities to complete significant portions of **post-secondary education in Fort Frances** at the Seven Generations campus in partnership with Lakehead University;
* **offsetting of tuition and room and board costs** for post-secondary education.
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| **To Learn More:**For more detail, contact the **Guidance** department at Fort Frances High School**.** |