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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. |
| **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. |
| **To Learn More:**  For more detail, contact the **Guidance** department at Fort Frances High School**.** |