



RECOGNITION OF AN OUTSTANDING INDIGENOUS EDUCATOR

Victor Thunderchild

This recognition pays tribute to a teacher who has demonstrated leadership in Indigenous education and excellence in teaching that reflects Indigenous culture.



Nominated by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF)

Victor Thunderchild was a teacher for almost three decades in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. With his incredible knowledge and wisdom, Victor was a true champion for Indigenous education and truth and reconciliation. As a teacher and guidance counselor, he supported students during challenging times and encouraged them to take pride in their culture and heritage. His work was always guided by Indigenous culture as he willingly shared his stories, Cree language, and knowledge.

Victor made numerous improvements in the Saskatchewan education sector, including bringing the first Cree language program to a Prince Albert school in 2020. He was also a dedicated member of the CTF/FCE Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education.

Victor was actively involved in the bargaining process for his local association as a longstanding councilor representing the Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association, and as a STF representative at the Provincial Department of Learning School and Shared Leadership Institute. Victor served as President and Vice-President of Social Studies Saskatchewan, a

professional growth network.

While ill after contracting COVID-19, Victor continued to advocate on behalf of his colleagues to the Government of Saskatchewan through social media. After Victor's passing in 2021, family, friends and colleagues gathered on social media using #ApplesForVictor to share stories of Victor.

He was and will continue to be an outstanding advocate for teachers and Indigenous education.

Victor truly left his mark on his community, the teaching of Indigenous language, culture and traditions, and education in Saskatchewan and across Canada.