



RECOGNITION OF AN OUTSTANDING INDIGENOUS EDUCATOR

Anika Guthrie

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 Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO)



Anika Guthrie is Anishinaabe kwe, a member of the Beaver Clan and the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve on Manitoulin Island.

As a wife, mother and life-long learner committed to improving educational experiences for Indigenous children, youth, and families, Anika and her family have shared their home with First Nations youth, from across Nishnaabe Aski Nation who must leave their families and communities to attend high school in Thunder Bay.

Anika is the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Coordinator at the Lakehead District School Board. As part of this role, she leads the *Mino Bimaadiziwin: Aboriginal Youth*

Leadership Program, which has been nationally recognized as an Indspire Best Practice. She also works as a contract lecturer at Lakehead University teaching the Aboriginal Education course to BEd students. As a lead writer on a collaborative project with the National Film Board of Canada, Anika is developing a digital classroom resource that shares Indigenous voices and perspectives.

Her contributions focus on Indigenous ways of teaching and learning, health, the processes of anti-racism and decolonial love in schools, and what it really means to teach Indigenous truths. Anika is ETFO's representative on the CTF/FCE Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education and a board member for the Mazinaajim Children's Foundation in Thunder Bay.