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MCK, KCSC reach agreement

(Kahnawake – 27, Seskehkó:wa/September 2012) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform Kahnawà'kehró:non that an agreement has been reached between the MCK and the Kahnawake Combined Schools Committee (KCSC) that will return authority to the KCSC as part of a Joint Working Group that includes the MCK; allow for work to begin to address concerns about the Constitution; and to ensure that staff will not be threatened because of their support or disagreement with actions taken during the past several months.

Chief & Council were unanimous in their support for a Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED) signed today that rescinds the previous MCED that revoked the authority of the KCSC.

Additionally, the Interim Board of Trustees that had been put in place by the MCK and the Ad Hoc Committee that had been created in support of the KCSC have been dissolved.

The decision was announced to the local media and a small group of people immediately after today's meeting concluded.

A joint statement will be issued tomorrow to assure parents, students, staff and other community members that the education of our children is paramount and that every effort will be made to ensure that the Constitution is a true reflection of all stakeholders and meets today's needs.

More details will be released at that time.

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WHEREAS the Mohawk People (Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non), as part of the Mohawk Nation (Kanien'kehá:ka) and the Iroquois Confederacy (Rotinonhsónnión:we) are, and have always been a sovereign people;

WHEREAS the Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non have consistently and historically declared their right to govern their own affairs;

WHEREAS the Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non have stated their intention to reinstate the structures, philosophies, concepts and principles of Mohawk Traditional Government as embodied by the Great Law of Peace (Kaianere'kó:wa);

WHEREAS the Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non abide by the principles of Power, Peace, and Righteousness prescribed in and in accordance with the Kaianere'kó:wa;

WHEREAS these principles have governed, and continue to govern, the direction of the Mohawk Nation since time immemorial;

WHEREAS Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED) No. 30/2012-2013 revoked the delegated authorities of the current Kahnawake Combined Schools Committee (KCSC);

WHEREAS the Council, appointed and delegated some of these authorities to an "Interim Board of Trustees" to initiate a comprehensive consultation with parents, educators and concerned community members regarding the future direction for the governance of the Kahnawà:ke Education System;

WHEREAS there is still dissension within the community over the role of the current KCSC in addressing the future of the Kahnawà:ke Education System;

WHEREAS many parents have continued to indicate their unhappiness with the actions taken by and the behavior of current KCSC and have maintained their desire for the Council to "step in" and address these concerns;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. We, as the Council, rescind Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED) No. 30/2012 - 2013 that revoked the delegated authorities of the current KCSC and institute the following in its place;
2. The Council will develop a new relationship with the KCSC that will include the development of a **Joint Work Plan** for the following:

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- a. The MCK and the KCSC will co-manage the work plan to resolve current educational issues including constitutional discussions with parents, educators and the community regarding the future direction for the governance of the Kahnawà:ke Education System;
- b. The MCK and the KCSC will set a clear timeline for this work to begin immediately including setting a date within 30 working days for a Community General Assembly on Education to be co-chaired by the MCK and the KCSC;
- c. The Agenda for this will include the re-confirmation and/or election of the four (4) general seats to the KCSC;
- d. The In-School Committees will meet before this General Assembly and fill all seats both existing and vacant to this new KCSC;
- e. The ad hoc committees that have recently been established will be dissolved immediately;
- f. The MCK and the KCSC, during this time period, will oversee the financial management of the programs administered by the Kahnawà:ke Education Center and ensure that existing and future program funding needs are maintained;
- g. The MCK and the KCSC will ensure and safeguard that Operational and Human Resource concerns at the Kahnawà:ke Education Center and at the three (3) Kahnawà:ke Schools will remain stable and for greater certainty, **no one will be threatened or dismissed over events leading up to this issue but could be held accountable for any lack of professional conduct;**
- h. The MCK and the KCSC will ensure that all operating policies and procedures currently in use will remain in force until the future direction for the governance of the Kahnawà:ke Education System has been established;
- i. The MCK will appoint representatives to work with the KCSC to ensure our continued participation in the work as specified above.


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