



African Canadian Services Branch

AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN

STUDENT SUPPORT WORKER PROGRAM

2019–2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Improved System Connection with Africal Canadian Services Branch (ACSB), EECD

In September 2019, ACSB resumed responsibility for providing provincial leadership and support to the Regional Coordinator, African Canadian Education, and the Student Support Worker (SSW) Program. This structural change enables effective communication and collaboration between staff, parents/guardians, families, community, and schools in support of student well-being and achievement.

SSW Professional Learning and Focus Group Session

In November 2019, African Nova Scotian Student Support Workers from across the province attended a professional learning session in Halifax to consult around the African Nova Scotian Education Framework (ANSED), express their viewpoint on program enhancements and share proven practices on inspiring and valuing Black students.

Access to TIENET in Support of Roles and Areas of Responsibility

Between January and March 2020, SSWs participated in a one-day training session in their regions on TIENET (Technology for Improving Education Networks). This role-specific training enables staff to receive and document responses to student referrals and allows for the systematic collection of data on the role of the SSW program in nurturing the wellness and achievement of Black learners.

Creating Culturally Safer Spaces, Program Branding, and Credentialing

African Nova Scotian Student Support Workers engaged in professional discussions on innovative strategies to enhance and create culturally safer student spaces within their schools, program branding, and the design of a credentialing/upgrading core curriculum as part of Nova Scotia's commitment to inclusive education.