



CACE Highlights

Meeting held November 22nd, 2025

- **Agenda Summary:**
 - African Canadian Services Branch (ACSB) update
 - Presentation: ACSB Scholarships
 - EECD update: Behaviour Intervention Support Plans
 - Community Meeting
 - Meeting with Minister

- **Important Discussions:**
 - Members received updates on current ACSB projects and initiatives. This included work on improving data collection and data breakdown to provide clearer information on specific African descent populations. Updates were also shared on ongoing efforts to create pathways into skilled trades and on recent updates to the African Canadian Studies 11 course.
 - Members discussed how partner organizations could work with or support the Student Support Worker program. There was also discussion about adding more locally relevant information to the African Canadian Studies 11 curriculum.
 - Council members shared concerns regarding budget reduction directives that could possibly impact service agreements with our partner organizations, agreeing that partner organizations have been operating without meaningful increases, and this should be noted for the meeting with minister.
 - The ACSB Scholarships and Grants Coordinator presented results from the 2021 scholarship survey, which was completed by approximately 400 respondents. Key findings were shared and discussed, including planned changes to the essay question for the university entrance scholarship and work underway to find an updated database that can better support the needs of the scholarship program.
 - A summary of sessions delivered in the regions was provided by representatives from the Safe and Inclusive schools' branch. Feedback from these sessions would be used to support understanding of the guide for responding to unacceptable behaviour and pathways to intensive behaviour support. Members shared concerns about the process for intensive behaviour plans and questions raised related to cultural responsiveness outlined in the Code of Conduct. Both members and presenters agreed that additional professional development is needed in the areas mentioned in the "Important Considerations" of the Code.
 - Planning for next CACE meeting being held in Cape Breton and holding a community consultation event.
 - Discussion about the upcoming meeting with the Minister, CACE reviewed its CACE recommendations and priorities.