



GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE

OF NATIVE STUDIES AND APPLIED RESEARCH

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Dear Citizens of the Métis Nation:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the current initiatives of the Gabriel Dumont Institute. The Institute is presently offering the following programs:

- * Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (4 year degree) - Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert
- * Certificate of Human Justice Program - Prince Albert
- * Métis Management Diploma Program - Regina, Yorkton, and Meadow Lake
- * Certificate of Social Work - Prince Albert and Saskatoon
- * Métis Entrepreneurial Preparatory Program - Togo
- * Métis Employment Counselling Program - Yorkton
- * Métis Housing Administration Program - Saskatoon
- * Chemical Dependency Program - North Battleford

In addition to the provision of direct education services, the Gabriel Dumont Institute continues to gain national recognition for its research and publications. The support services of the Institute include a Library Resource Centre, a Research and Development Division, and a Métis Studies and Curriculum Division. The Institute also continues to manage the

Community Training Residence in Saskatoon for female offenders. The Residence offers a secure facility, personal and family counselling, education opportunities and employment counselling.

Most recently, the Institute entered into an agreement with the province of Saskatchewan to work toward the establishment of the Dumont Technical Institute. The Affiliation Agreement is not yet signed but we anticipate this to occur presently. In addition, an affiliation agreement with the University of Saskatchewan has been entered into and federation status with the University of Regina is being considered.

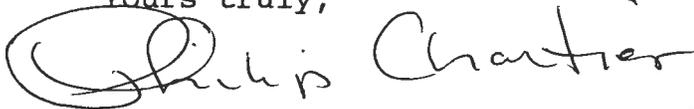
Gabriel Dumont College is preparing to establish itself and to deliver university credit courses and services at the University of Saskatchewan. To date the Affiliation Agreement has been ratified by the Board of the College and by the Council of the University of Saskatchewan (December 8, 1993). The Agreement will go forward to the University Senate in April, 1994, and it is anticipated it will be ratified at that time. Measures are now being taken to establish course offerings for the 1994-1995 academic term and to create a three year strategic and operational plan that will guide the activities of the College.

For further information about participating in Gabriel Dumont Institute programs, please contact your Local Métis Management Board.

I am looking forward to a great year for the educational arm of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan. The Gabriel Dumont Institute will no doubt continue to provide excellent services to our people.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss educational issues with me please contact me. It is important that your ideas about Métis education are heard so that I can bring them to the first ever Métis Nation Legislative Assembly.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Chartier". The first letter "P" is large and loops around the start of the name.

Philip Chartier, GDI Chairperson