

Chiefs of Ontario - Charting Our Own Path Forward in Education

**ONECA “Make it Happen,
Make it Matter” Conference
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Brief Background

Resolution 12/12 – directs First Nation Education Coordination Unit (FNECU) to work with First Nations to develop recommendations to the Chiefs in Assembly on education systems and funding mechanisms

- Environmental scan
- Focus Groups
- Engagement and Forums
- Subsequent resolutions

Guidance and Updates

Updates on progress are provided via:

- **COO Education Portal**
- **Living (evergreen) COOPF document**
- **COO Annual Reports**

Guidance is provided by

- **Chiefs Committee on Lifelong Learning**
- **Chiefs in Assembly (resolutions)**
- **Grassroots engagement**

Dovetailing Initiatives

- First Nations Lifelong Learning Table
 - Co-developed 3-Year Strategic Plan
- National Activity – National Joint Collaboration
 - National Joint Task Teams
 - Co-developed Policy Proposal
- Languages
 - National Indigenous Languages Legislation
- Post-Secondary Position Paper
- Special Education Position Paper

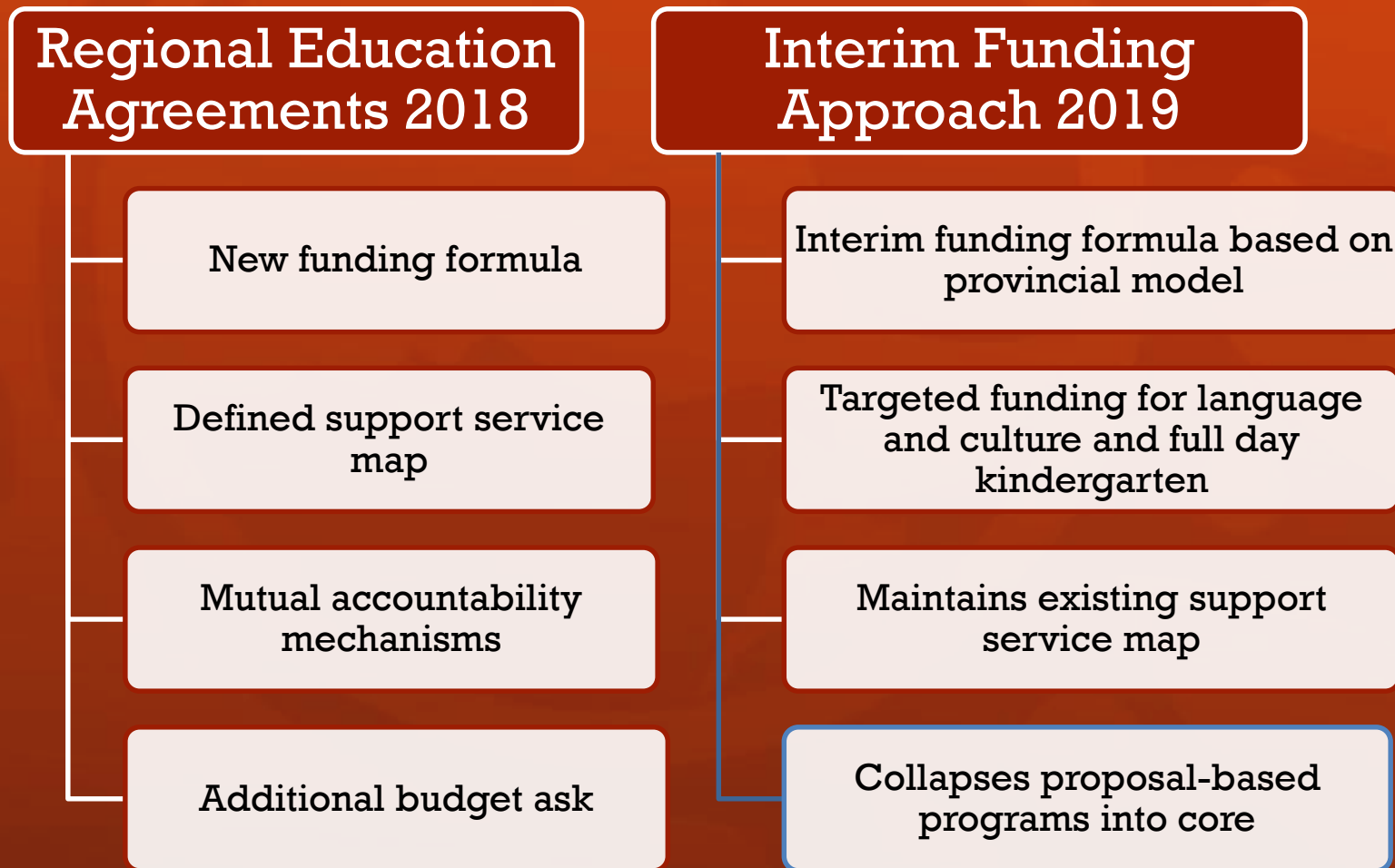
Early Challenges

- Lack of resources (human and financial)
 - Impediment to progress
- Lack of political will (federal)
- Lack of unified vision
- Diversity

Successes

- Political will (federal, First Nation)
 - Co-developed Policy Proposal
 - National Resolution accepting
 - Pending federal confirmation
- Access to human and financial resources
 - Dedicated staff (COO, PTOs, IFN)
- 2017-18 grassroots engagement on systems and funding

Main Elements – Co-Developed Policy Proposal



Current Status

- 2017-18 engagement roll-up and updating COOPF 2018 (living document)
- Ontario Technical Table – Interim Funding Approach (OTTIFA)
 - Finalizing Interim Funding Approach
 - Funding formula
 - Education service map
 - Communication/engagement strategy

Next Steps

- OTTIFA meetings
- Communications
- Individual community engagement sessions
- Incorporation of lifelong learning continuum
- Recommendations to Chiefs in Assembly

Short-Term Timeline

Timing	Activity
June 2018	Hire contractors for community sessions
July 2018	Initial training for contractors
July/Aug 2018	Initial community sessions
Aug 2018	Update training for contractors
Sept/Oct 2018	Final community sessions
Nov 2018	Recommendations to Chiefs in Assembly

We've worked hard to
“make it happen”

Now it's up to us to “make it
matter”

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