



# Kanien'kéha Circle

To All Our Relations,

The identified School Boards below, along with their partner communities, are developing a Kanien'kéha (Mohawk Language) Circle for the purpose of endorsing presently knowledgeable, culturally and linguistically strong Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) individuals to teach the Kanien'kéha Language within Ontario schools. This pilot project will help identify suitable teacher candidates who will be certified as teachers of the Kanien'kéha language by the Ontario College of Teachers.

The Kanien'kéha Circle includes a three-part membership as follows:

- Kanien'kéha Steering Committee (advisory group),
- Kanien'kéha Endorsement Representatives (recognized speakers of the language by their community), and
- Kanien'kéha Teacher Candidates

If you would like to be considered, or would like to nominate an individual to be a Kanien'kéha Endorsement Representative, please complete the attached nomination form and provide relevant documentation on the experience that you/they will bring to the Circle by June 21, 2022.

Successful Kanien'kéha Endorsement Representatives will be invited to a *Stand Up Ceremony* for the Kanien'kéha Circle tentatively planned for September 15th, 2022. Please save the date! Also invited to this *Stand Up Ceremony* will be the Kanien'kéha Steering Committee Members, participating School Board's Indigenous Education Superintendents and Directors, and participating Ontario College of Teacher and Ministry of Education representatives.

For more information, please contact us at [kanienkehacircle@gmail.com](mailto:kanienkehacircle@gmail.com).

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Troy Maracle and Robin Staats (co-chairs),  
Kanien'kéha Steering Committee



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