

**DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS
Spring Leadership Meeting
Fort Liard, Denendeh — 97 MAY 26-30**

DCFN LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION 97MAY30-#26

Re. Review of NWT Student Funding

WHEREAS, Deh Cho Elders at Treaty making understood the Crown representatives to be providing education as a Treaty right to our peoples in perpetuity,

AND WHEREAS DIAND has delegated the responsibility for post-secondary funding for aboriginal students in the Dene homeland to the NWT Ministry of Education, Culture & Employment, rather than to aboriginal governments as elsewhere in Canada,

AND WHEREAS the NWT Ministry of Education, Culture & Employment is reviewing its procedures for post-secondary funding to students in the Dene homeland in ways that may have a negative impact on aboriginal students and the Treaty right to education —

THEREFORE, by our inherent right to govern ourselves, the DCFN Leadership directs the NWT Minister for Education, Culture & Employment to include the direct participation of aboriginal governments in the review of funding to students in the Dene homeland;

AND THEREFORE, the DCFN Leadership requests the Office of the Auditor General to monitor this review and the potential negative impacts it may have on aboriginal students in the Dene homeland and our peoples' Treaty right to education.

MOVED BY
SECONDED BY

Chief Pat Martel, Katl'Odeeché First Nation
Chief Herb Norwegian, Lı́ıdlı́ Kúé First Nation

CARRIED

President Marilyn Napier abstained from this vote.

