

Employment

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSTING TITLE: School Business Administrator
 APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, June 16, 2000
 SALARY: Competitive
 DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: As soon as possible
 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidate must possess or be eligible for School Business Administrator Certification. Candidate should possess strong analytical, public speaking, writing and computer skills. Five years of school business official experience preferred. Residency preferred but not required.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsibilities of the School Business Administrator include, but are not limited to, budget development, payroll management, cash flow management, financial reporting, purchasing/supply management, insurance/risk management, management of business office, collective bargaining, investments, emergency/disaster planning, transportation, and food services.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: To be considered for this position, candidate must have on file:

1. letter of intent
2. professional application
3. resume
4. copy of NYS certification, if applicable
5. graduate and undergraduate transcripts (student copies accepted)
6. college placement file or three letters of professional references

Application materials, questions, and requests for a professional application should be directed to the office of the Superintendent at the address/phone number listed below.

William C. Berg, Superintendent of Schools

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Akwesasne Fails to Win Smart Community Designation

Travis Seymour, project leader for Smart Nation Akwesasne, has received notification that the bid from Akwesasne was not successful in the national 'Smart Community' competition. The successful community proposal was "Kuh-Ke-Nah Network of Smart First Nations", based in Sioux Lookout Ontario.

The Smart Communities Program is part of the federal government's Connecting Canadians initiative (with Industry Canada) to make Canada the most connected nation in the world. The central focus of this program is the selection of 12 Smart Communities demonstration projects (one in each province, one in the North, and one in an Aboriginal community). Communities that are selected as demonstration projects become eligible for up to \$5 million in matching contribution funds to be used for their Smart Community initiative.

In August 1999, Akwesasne submitted a statement of intent to the Smart Communities program for the Aboriginal component of the new program. In November, the project team was notified that it was chosen as a finalist in the national competition. In January, a formal business plan was submitted to the selection committee.

Akwesasne's submission outlined a vision for Akwesasne to be a self-sufficient First Nation through the use of leading edge technologies. Examples of SMART services proposed by Akwesasne include setting up virtual classrooms (to deliver the Mohawk language curriculum), virtual meeting rooms, document management systems, knowledge management systems, and geographical information systems.

Although the recent announcement is a setback for the Smart Nation Akwesasne project, there is still hope that the project will continue in one form or another. Grand Chief Mike Mitchell and MCA's Chief Administrative Officer, Francis Sam, have indicated that they are interested in pursuing other avenues of funding for Smart Nation Akwesasne. On May 1st Travis Seymour submitted a letter of intent to the "Connect Ontario" program for smart communities in Ontario. This program falls under the Ministry of Energy Science and Technology. If successful, this program could result in a contribution to Smart Nation Akwesasne of \$1 Million over the next three years.

With the support of the community and the Grand Chief, the project team of 'Smart Nation Akwesasne' plans to continue pursuing the vision of transforming Akwesasne into a Smart Community. In addition, they will continue to work and partner with other smart community initiatives such as 'SmartCity Cornwall' and 'CEONet'.



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Survival continued

no primaries, soft money campaign contributions or nomination conventions. In reality, anyone who lobbies for a position on a traditional council is automatically excluded for the Iroquois system was designed to prevent the overly ambitious ones from corrupting Haudenosaunee society.

A candidate must demonstrate a stable family life, good moral behavior, respect for women, sound judgment and absolute humility. Since they will serve the people as spiritual leaders they must be well versed in the collective rituals which are essential to Iroquois life. They must also pass through an exhaustive review period first at the family level than before the clan, the nation council and finally an assembly of all the Haudenosaunee nations.

Once they have been affirmed by their respective nations, their national leaders will call for the Haudenosaunee to meet at a particular time to 'raise' the new rotiane, along with his clanmother, assistant rotiane and faithkeeper (a spiritual adviser). The event is referred to as a "Condolence Ceremony" and is so sacred it is not mechanically recorded or photographed, nor is it open to non-Iroquoian spectators.

The Haudenosaunee have certainly been battered by internal and external forces with the last decade being particularly stressful. Despite that, the Condolence event gave those in attendance great hope the traditional ways will continue on to the next generation and far beyond.

It affirmed the strength and power of Iroquois culture in the most compelling manner as the cool morning rains gave way to clear blues skies at the exact time the ceremony began. No one there thought it was a coincidence but rather indication the spiritual beings and the natural world were well pleased with the Haudenosaunee.

Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga, Tuscarora, Seneca and Mohawk people were truly united at peace. The good mind was restored, the oldest ceremonies affirmed, the council fires stoked to burn brightly into a new century.

The Haudenosaunee hearts are not on the ground, not now, not ever.