

# PETAPAN PROJECT

## AT QUATRE-VENTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

NEW PRACTICES TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESS OF FIRST PEOPLES STUDENTS IN URBAN AREAS



At École des Quatre-Vents, of the Rives-du-Saguenay School Board, a team of teachers, professionals and practitioners, with the support of a committed principal, is developing practices to support the success of Indigenous students by promoting cultural sharing.

Facilities and services have been implemented to enhance their languages and cultures. The goal is to provide students and their parents with a healthy, stimulating, welcoming and gratifying living environment, in addition to being culturally safe. In

addition to the work done in class, the first year of the project (2017-2018) has been marked by many accomplishments: language and culture workshops (Innu and Atikamekw) offered by the Saguenay Native Friendship Centre (CAAS), in collaboration with the Atikamekw Nation Council and the Tshakapesh Institute, a cultural week with the installation of a Shaputuan (Tshakapesh Institute), a play performed at the daycare centre with the collaboration of a mother and finally, the participation of parents in several activities, including the Governing Board.

To support and analyze practices in development, a team of research professors from the University of Quebec in Chicoutimi, in collaboration with the Centre des Premières Nations Nikanite (CPNN), was involved to support teachers and practitioners and document the project (ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur [MEES], Fondation de l'Université du Québec à Chicoutimi [FUQAC]). Work continues in 2018-2019 with all partners (MEES, Rives-du-Saguenay School Board, CPNN, CAAS, Tshakapesh Institute, CNA). More detailed descriptions and findings of practices developed to support the success of Indigenous students will soon be available to share this experience with other communities.

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