

## INDIGENOUS PROGRAM 2021

The Boundless School has a long history of working with Indigenous youth. We haven't, though, embarked on culturally based programs that address the unique learning and mental health needs of indigenous youth. This is now changing.

In September 2020, we launched a program that focuses on providing indigenous youth with the skills they need to thrive in their worlds. These youth live with anxiety, depression, substance abuse, criminality, and unmet learning needs, often magnified by the challenges of ancestral trauma.

Through a pioneering approach that skillfully combines the essential resources of high school education, adolescent mental health treatment, employability training, elder-driven programming, and nature-based therapy, we support Indigenous teens to become prosperous young adults.

We closely collaborate with Elders in the Indigenous community who shall provide co-leadership, special teachings and support Boundless to best meet the nuanced needs of struggling teenagers.

Our partnerships include:

- the Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
- Native Canadian Centre of Toronto
- The Inuuqatigiit Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families (Ottawa)
- Indigenous Programs at the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board (Kingston, Bellville, Bancroft)