Addressing the gap in Education between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Communities in Canada

39% growth of Indigenous youth compared to 6% of non-indigenous youth over the last 12 years.

Educational Funding from the Federal Government

“...the Government of Canada they stated that they would allocate $1.25 billion dollars to education on reserves over three years beginning in 2016-2017. Although in the budget 2015, it was lowered drastically To $241 million.”

High School Graduate levels in Canada

“In 2016, 49% of Indigenous people compared to 82% of Non-Indigenous Canadians had completed a high school diploma or equivalent to”

Problem Landscape

Individuals can be impacted by low income, lower-quality jobs, little value to education, low self-esteem and an impact to their personal health

Background

Literacy can be defined “both as the ability to read and write one’s own name and as the ability to read and understand”

1,673,785

... Indigenous People in Canada

977,230 – First Nations

587,545 – Métis

65,025 - Inuit

Solutions Landscape

Locally

Frontier College:
- The goals of Frontier College is to build local workforce skills that enable communities to participate in and maximize economic development opportunities
- Martin Family Institute
  - This project aims to improve early childhood literacy rates in First Nation, Metis and Inuit communities across the country
  - This project is based out of two reserves in Saskatchewan: Beardy’s and Okemasis Cree Nation and the Moosomin First Nation

Globally

Australia
- The Australian Government promised to provide record levels of funding for Indigenous students. They will grow its record level of recurrent funding for schools from $17.5 in 2017 to $31.4 billion in 2029.
- Indigenous students will also greatly benefit from the Australian Government being committed to closing the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous students

“Literacy is basically one of the key components of day-to-day life,”

Quenton Swiftwolfe

Gaps

More Educational Funding for Reserves in Canada

Accountability of Funding and Programs

Closer Secondary Schools for Reserves

Levers for Change

Adding Additional Money for Indigenous Peoples Education & Institutions

The Government to create Controlling and Monitoring Programs for the Allocation of Funding and Programs that they provide

Creation of more Secondary Schools on Reserves in Canada

Average Literacy Scores of Indigenous vs Non-Indigenous