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Dr. Paul Cappon
President and CEO
Canadian Council on Learning
215-50 O'Connor Street
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Dear Dr. Cappon:

On behalf of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), I would like to express our support to work together with the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) and the Aboriginal Learning Knowledge Centre (ABLKC) on an initiative to redefine how success in lifelong learning is measured for First Nations people.

The AFN has long advocated that First Nation education is a life long learning process that begins in the cradle and continues through to old age. Current indicators of lifelong learning used by researchers and governments have failed to recognize the holistic nature of First Nations learning across the lifespan. The AFN supports the need for further research that moves beyond high school attainment as the sole measure of learning success, and recognizes the important contributions that traditional knowledge, for example, brings to First Nations learners.

The AFN supports the CCL, as a national, independent and non-profit organization that promotes and supports lifelong learning, to work with First Nations people and redefine how success is measured by:

- Synthesizing the lifelong learning goals and expected outcomes which our people have identified as important to First Nations communities;
- Building on this research to develop a holistic framework for measuring success in lifelong learning for First Nations communities.

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I congratulate the CCL for their ongoing commitment to lifelong learning and to First Nations people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Fontaine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Phil" being more prominent than the last name "Fontaine".

Phil Fontaine
National Chief