

Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta

To Protect, Promote, Bring to Life, Implement, and Sustain the True Spirit and Intent of Treaty No. 8 as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the waters flow.

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Treaty 8 Enhancing Education

Edmonton, Alberta - March 13, 2015 - Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta is excited to announce its partnership with Castle Rock Research aimed at helping to improve the educational outcomes of Treaty 8 [Alberta]'s on-reserve students.

"Castle Rock is leading the way in quality educational solutions for students and educators. We are thrilled to be able to extend these tools to students across Treaty 8," states Chief Billy Joe Laboucan, Chief of Education for Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta.

Castle Rock Research offers study guides to prepare students for classroom tests and high stakes assessments. Through SOLARO, Castle Rock delivers questions, assignments, answers with detailed explanations, and comprehensive lessons to prepare students for upcoming exams.

"We intend to raise the performance of our students on-reserve. It has been clearly established that there is a gap between our students and the rest of the country, and we believe this is one tool that can help us to narrow that gap," states Chief Laboucan.

Copies of these Castle Rock products have already been sent in both digital and text format to Treaty 8 schools.

"These are formative times for our students; how they do in high school will shape their future as University or College students," states Chief Laboucan, before concluding, "we need more First Nation graduates and this can help us move our students in a new direction. The right direction."

Founded in 1995 in Edmonton, Alberta, Castle Rock has emerged as a market leader in Canada in developing educational products that support academic achievement performance. Castle Rock is recognized for its capability to simultaneously serve content across print, online and mobile platforms. Using breakthrough technology for developing, managing and deploying content, Castle Rock creates educational resources aligned to accurately reflect each region's standards and curricula. The mission of Castle Rock is to deliver innovative educational solutions – all with exceptional value.

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