



Policy 1 Appendix A

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Legal Foundations

Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority (KTCEA) has been delegated the responsibility for the operation of a Kindergarten to Grade 12 education authority by Loon River First Nation, Lubicon Lake Band, Peerless Trout First Nation, and Whitefish Lake First Nation (the “member First Nations”). Policies have been created under the authority of KTCEA Board of Directors.

KTCEA First Nations assert their right to protect and promote Treaty rights to education through the Treaty No. 8 relationship with the Crown, reaffirmed in Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution Act 1982. The Constitution Act recognizes and affirms the existing Aboriginal and treaty rights and specifies that the Federal government has exclusive Legislative authority over “Indians and Lands reserved for Indians”.

In accordance with Article 14.4 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, KTCEA First Nations also assert their “right to establish and control their educational systems and institutions providing education in their own languages, in a manner appropriate to their cultural methods of teaching and learning”.

KTCEA Inc. was incorporated as a non-profit private company on March 10, 2017 under the Companies Act of Alberta, supported by the following:

- *Articles of Association*, signed by the four member First Nations;
- *Memorandum of Association*, signed by the four member First Nations; and
- *Band Council Resolutions*, signed by each member First Nation.

Subsequently, KTCEA signed Administrative Agreements with each of the five member First Nations describing KTCEA’s administrative services for the schools and teacherages.

KTCEA operates independently under its own Board of Directors (Board Members) and receives guidance and oversight from Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council (KTC). Government funding is also received by KTC and is provided to KTCEA through a sub-agreement.