



M E D I A R E L E A S E

January 10, 2017

Author to Speak in Timmins

District School Board Ontario North East is proud to be partnering with the Timmins Native Friendship Centre for a very special event next week. Over one-hundred students and teachers from Timmins High and Vocational School, Ecole Secondaire Cochrane High, Kirkland Lake District Composite School, Roland Michener Secondary School and Kiskinohamatowin (Alternative Learning Program) will be meeting and learning together at the Timmins Native Friendship Centre on Tuesday, January 17th, with author Edmund Metatawabin. Metatawabin is a Canadian First Nations chief and writer, whose 2014 memoir *Up Ghost River: A Chief's Journey Through the Turbulent Waters of Native History*, was a shortlisted nominee for the Governor General's Award for English-language non-fiction at the 2014 Governor General's Awards.

A former chief of the Fort Albany First Nation, he published *Up Ghost River*, co-written with journalist Alexandra Shimo, as a memoir of his childhood experience in Canada's Indian residential schools system.

Our staff and students are anxiously awaiting this day of conversation, learning, and reflecting with Mr. Metatawabin. We invite our media partners to join us:

Tentative Schedule for Tuesday, January 17th at T.N.F.C. (179 Kirby Avenue, Timmins)

9:30 am - Opening (*Smudge, Song*)

9:45-10:45 - Keynote Address by Edmund Metatawabin

10:45-11:45 - Student Activity #1

11:45-12:30pm - Lunch

12:30-1:45pm - Student Activity #2

1:45pm-Closing remarks, Edmund Metatawabin

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