ABORIGINAL LEARNERS IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

VICTORIA – Charting Our Path, a report that outlines Aboriginal participation and achievement in B.C.’s public post-secondary institutions for the period 2003/04 to 2006/07, was published today on the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development’s website.

Report findings include the following:

- There was a 23 per cent increase in the number of people identifying themselves as Aboriginal in public post-secondary institutions between 2002/03 and 2006/07 (a total of 18,254 students in 2006/07).
- Of the Aboriginal students who graduated high school in 2001/02, 67.7 per cent had enrolled in a B.C. public post-secondary institution within four years of graduating.
- The wage disparity between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people decreases significantly the higher the educational attainment.

Charting Our Path was authored by ministry staff and can be viewed at www.aved.gov.bc.ca/aboriginal/.

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