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My name is Annette Atkinson and I am the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Student Success Strategist (K-12) with Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board. I am looking forward to the opportunity to support school teams in the promotion of student well-being and achievement with a focus on students of First Nation, Métis and Inuit ancestry.

The services outlined below are available for interested students to enhance existing school / school board supports as follows:

- Culture-based student success strategies (Circle of Life / Skills Wheel)
- Academic support (based on student need in consultation with school teams)
- Cultural connections (promotion of community services and resources)
- Transition and life pathways support (based on student need / areas of interest)

Please note that in order for students to access supports listed above, the attached Consent Form will need to be completed prior to the commencement of services. Support will be offered during lunch, spares or as arranged during the weekly visits.

We are most pleased to be offering this support. As our knowledge continues to grow about cultural diversity and factors that continue to impact First Nation, Métis and Inuit families and students, so does our ability to respond and come together as community partners.

I am pleased to join the team and bring a number of strengths and experiences in education to the role. As an Ontario Certified Teacher I have spent many years working collaboratively with school teams and communities in Nunavut and Ontario.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like to know more about this initiative. For additional program information please contact Program Manager, Linda McGregor at [lmcgregor@smcdsb.on.ca](mailto:lmcgregor@smcdsb.on.ca) or 705-722-3555 x 367.

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