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On behalf of the Indigenous Peoples Education Circle (IPEC) and College Libraries Ontario (CLO), we are pleased to announce the success of the funding request to the Administrative Services Coordinating Committee (ASCC) to enhance Indigenous content on the Colleges Libraries Ontario Learning Portal for students and faculty. The funding was made possible through surplus funds from [OECEM](#) and distributed by ASCC.

CLO and IPEC worked collaboratively on the one-time ask of \$180,000 to support the repository of Indigenous history, content, research, knowledge and culture to be housed within [The Learning Portal](#) for access to all students within the Ontario College system. CCVPS provided unanimous support for this important joint initiative that will further the Colleges commitment to the TRC and contribute to systematic change in our communities

This collaborative project will help further our students' access to Indigenous data, reports and research that will help each of our Colleges on our path towards Truth and Reconciliation. In response to the TRC 94 Calls to Action , It is imperative that the Ontario post-secondary college sector lead in the education of both staff and students on the history of residential schools, Indigenous history, culture, knowledge and current Indigenous world views. The Learning Portal will also become the provincial access point for new credible open learning resources that are reflective of the Canadian and Indigenous scholarly landscape. Instead of having all colleges develop their own repository of Indigenous content, we can work together to create one provincial access point for our learners.

Thank you to Wayne Steffler, Chair of ASCC and to John Sabo at OECEM for the funding support for this initiative and the leadership of Alison De Luisa and CCVPS for supporting this important work.

We all look forward to the development of the Indigenous inclusion content for students on the Learning Portal.

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