



## CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

### **AN OPEN LETTER TO CANADA'S POLITICAL LEADERS ON THE URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES FACING ABORIGINAL CANADIANS**

Ottawa, December 9, 2011/ The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) releases an open letter on the state of Aboriginal education.

Addressed to all party leaders, the letter calls on all political parties to reflect on Attawapiskat's difficulties, bring attention and take action on the broader structural inequalities for Canada's Aboriginal populations.

"Our political leaders have a responsibility and duty to work collectively with aboriginal leaders to address the serious challenges facing this population. " said Zach Dayler, the National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. "We need to begin to address the many inequalities through investments in important areas such as education."

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations calls on the federal, provincial and territorial governments to implement and commit to a long-term plan that addresses the inequalities facing the Aboriginal population.

"Improving the Lives of Canada's Aboriginal Population": [www.casa-acae.com](http://www.casa-acae.com) and [here](#)

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*The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit national student organization composed of 26 student associations, representing over 320,000 students from coast to coast.*

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