



### **Treaty Catalyst Teacher Role - October 2010-11**

The Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC) has spent a number of years providing awareness workshops for teachers across the province. Over four thousand teachers have participated in a workshop and all schools have a K - 12 *Teaching Treaties in the Classroom* Resource Kit.

The purpose of the *Teaching Treaties in the Classroom* program continues to be the development of harmonious relationships between First Nations and Non-First Nations people by building knowledge of Treaties and the Treaty Relationship in Saskatchewan.

OTC has also established a number of Elders and treaty teacher leaders in a network called the Treaty Learning Network. These teachers are to be available to support teachers as they begin to teach about Treaties and the Treaty relationship.

Since the Province has made Treaty Education mandatory, the Ministry of Education is supporting the Office of the Treaty Commissioner in increasing the capacity of schools to provide supports to all teachers as they endeavour to teach treaties. Therefore, the OTC is providing training to representatives from all schools/divisions in the province. These representatives are called **Treaty Catalyst Teachers** and their primary role is to provide **leadership** and **expertise** at the school/division level in the support of their colleagues as they attempt to teach treaties.

Catalyst Teachers are identified by their school/division and should be willing to:

1. Teach Treaties in their classroom.
2. Support other teachers who teach Treaties in their classrooms.
3. With Elders and OTC, provide Treaty awareness workshops for teachers.
4. Contribute to the further development of classroom materials on Treaties.
5. Serve as the school/division contact for the Office of the Treaty Commissioner.
6. Provide leadership in their school/division with respect to treaty education.