

Interview Protocol

Signed informed consent form will be collected before the interview begins.

Participant pseudonym: _____

Introduction/Preamble

The following will be discussed with the participant before we begin:

1. Hello! My name is Mitchell Keene, and I am a PhD student at Niagara University.
2. Thank you for agreeing to be a part of this project – your participation is greatly appreciated!
3. The purpose of this study is to:
 - Explore chronic student absenteeism in northern Saskatchewan.
 - I seek to understand how the residential school system has impacted the way Indigenous people of northern Saskatchewan feel about the current public K-12 education system (if any).
 - I am interested to know if current attendance patterns of students are an additional intergenerational expression of trauma experienced by the local Indigenous population who are connected to the residential school system.
 - You will have an opportunity to talk about your feelings towards the current education system, what you believe to be the motivators of students who do and do not attend school regularly, the motivators of parents who encourage (or do not encourage) their students to attend school regularly, and how they we can get students back in the classroom regularly.
4. I have 7 questions to ask you and it shouldn't take any more than an hour.
5. I will be recording the interview so that I can transcribe it later. I will also be taking notes while we are talking.
6. As a reminder, this is voluntary; you may withdraw at anytime without giving a reason; you may also decline to answer any specific question.
7. If you are triggered for any reason, we can stop the interview. Just let me know. We will only begin again if you wish to.
8. If you are triggered, here are some relevant counselling services in the area that we can get you connected to:
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9. All data will saved and stored in an external hard drive that is password protected; I will be the only one who will have access to the raw data.
10. This research has been reviewed and approved by the Niagara University Institutional Review Board (IRB); if you have any questions, you can contact the IRB chair, Paul Schupp, pschupp@niagara.edu.
11. Do you have any questions before we begin?

Interview Question	Response
<p>What are your current thoughts and feelings about the K-12 public education system in Saskatchewan?</p> <p><i>Probe: tell me more</i></p>	
<p>Thinking about the students that come to school regularly, how do you think they feel about school?</p> <p><i>Probe: tell me more</i></p> <p>Follow-up: how do you think their parents/guardians feel about school?</p> <p><i>Probe: tell me more</i></p>	
<p>Thinking about the students that do not attend school regularly, how do you think they feel about school?</p> <p><i>Probe: tell me more</i></p> <p>Follow-up: how do you think their parents/guardians feel about school?</p> <p><i>Probe: tell me more</i></p>	
<p>In your opinion, how has the residential school system impacted the current attendance patterns of students today (if any)?</p> <p><i>Probe: tell me more</i></p>	
<p>How do you think we can get students back in the classroom regularly?</p> <p><i>Probe: tell me more</i></p>	

Closing Remarks

Once the interview is over, the following will be discussed with the participant:

1. Those are all the questions I have for you – thank you so much for participating!
2. Do you have any further questions for me?
3. I wanted to remind and confirm with you that this is confidential. Your identity and the thoughts that you have shared will be kept private. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.
4. If I need to contact you during the transcription process because I don't understand something, do you give me permission to contact you again to clarify information?