

Nathan Matthew, Advisory Board - Promising Practices Website Coordinator

Nathan Matthew is a member of the Simpcw First Nation and has served as Simpcw chief from 1976/77, 1985-87 and from 1989 to 2006, initiating many community-building educational and financial initiatives.

Matthew holds a Master of Education degree from UBC. Education has been a priority for Matthew throughout his professional career, and he has been called the education chief of Canada. He was a founding member and continuous chair of the First Nations Education Council for School District #73, and also served as chair of the Chief's Committee on Education for the Assembly of First Nations.

Nathan Matthew has also served as First Nations representative to the provincial Education Advisory, political advisor and negotiator for the First Nations Education Steering Committee, signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding with provincial and federal education partners to work on behalf of First Nations students, and First Nations signatory to the Education Jurisdiction agreement.

Nathan Matthew, in his role as planner, strategist, relationship-builder, supporter and spokesperson for First Nations has provided consistency and stability to his community and other aboriginal organizations. His belief in the potential of and his efforts in demonstrating the capacity for First Nations self-determination has made him an important voice for First Nations aspirations.