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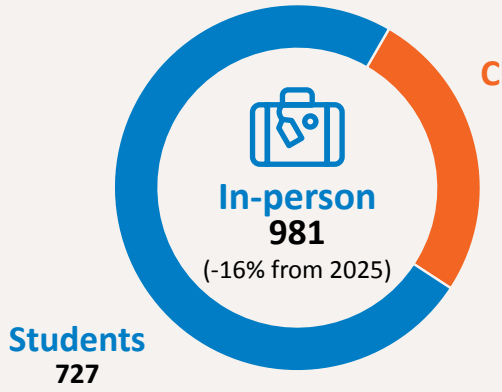
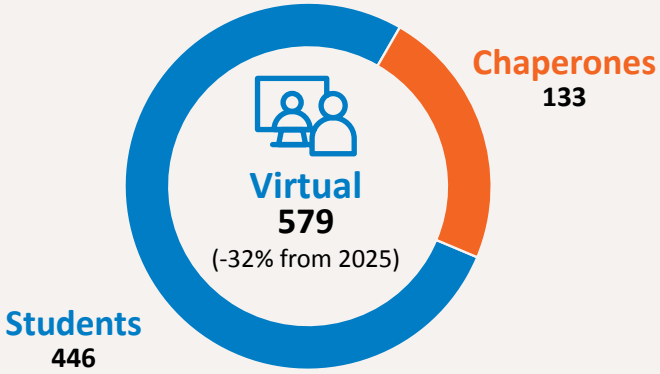
2026 Soaring: Impact Report

2026 | RESEARCH AND IMPACT DEPARTMENT

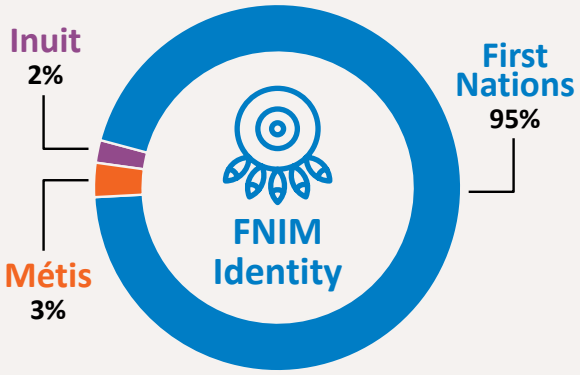
2026 SOARING:
INDIGENOUS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT GATHERING

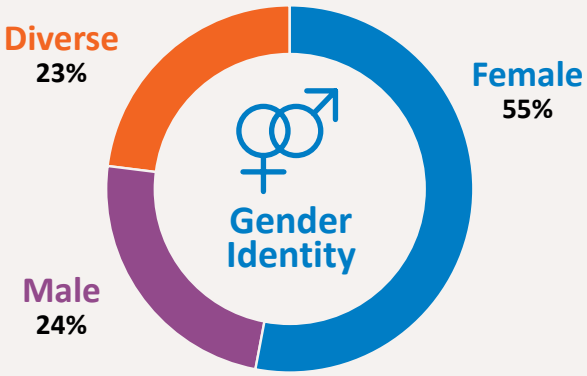
Total Attendees = 1,560





STUDENTS DEMOGRAPHICS





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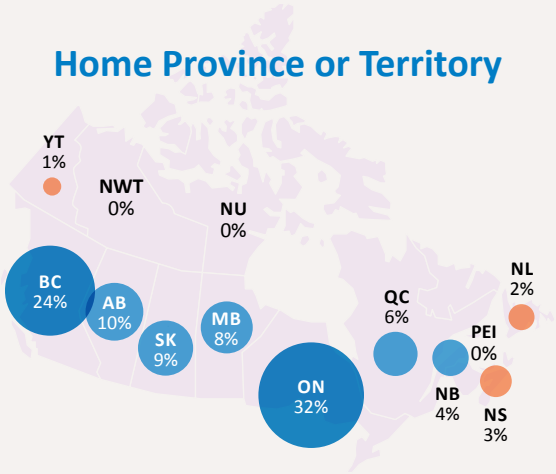

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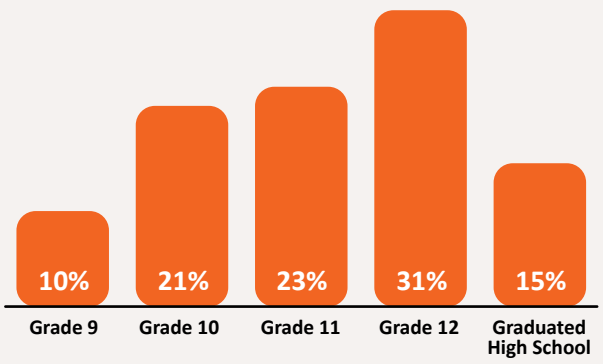

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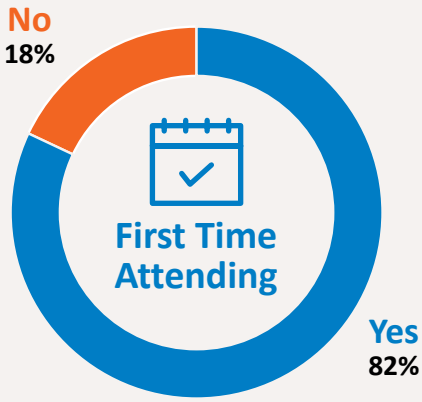
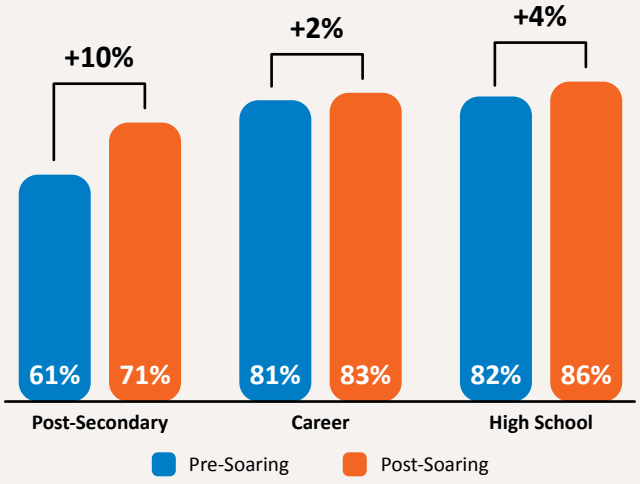


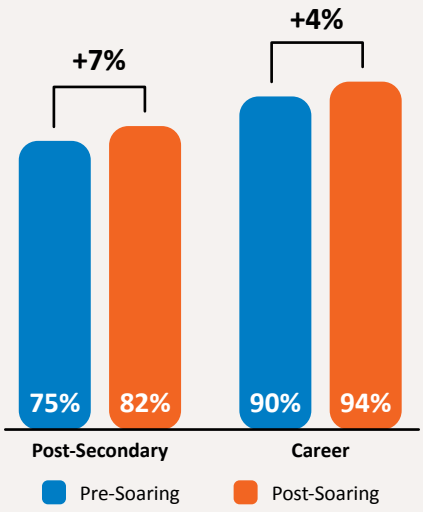
Students Had High Satisfaction With Soaring Overall

Changes in Confidence and Interest in Post-Secondary and Career

Students' confidence in being accepted into post-secondary, obtaining a career, and completing high school **increased after participating in Soaring.**



Students' interest in attending post-secondary and obtaining a career **increased after participating in Soaring.**



Students' Top Four Career Fields of Interest

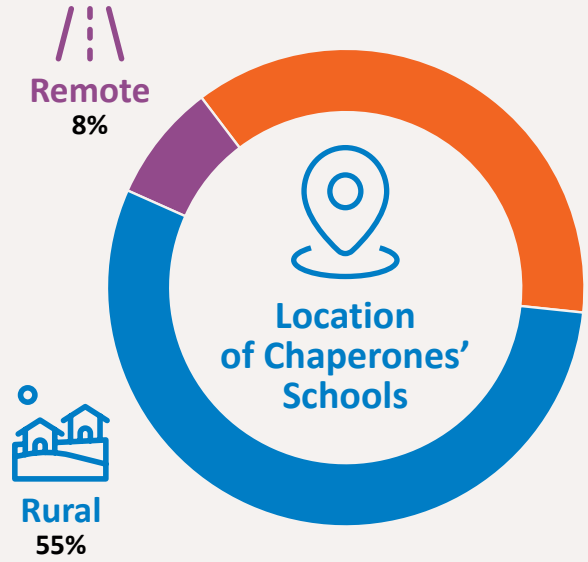
Education

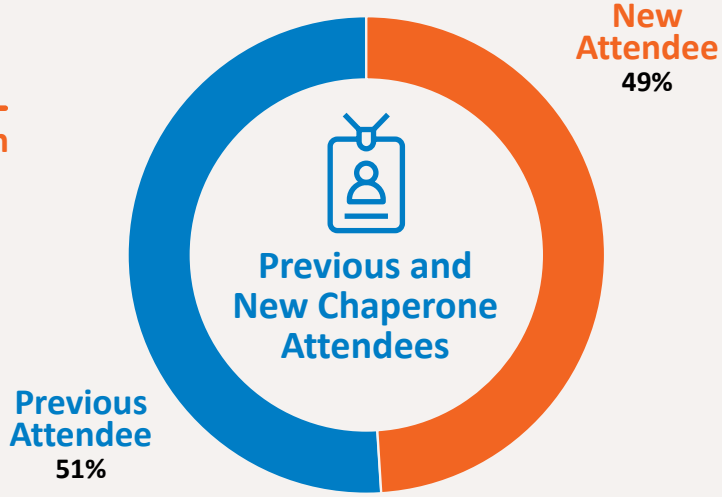
Health (Mental/Physical)

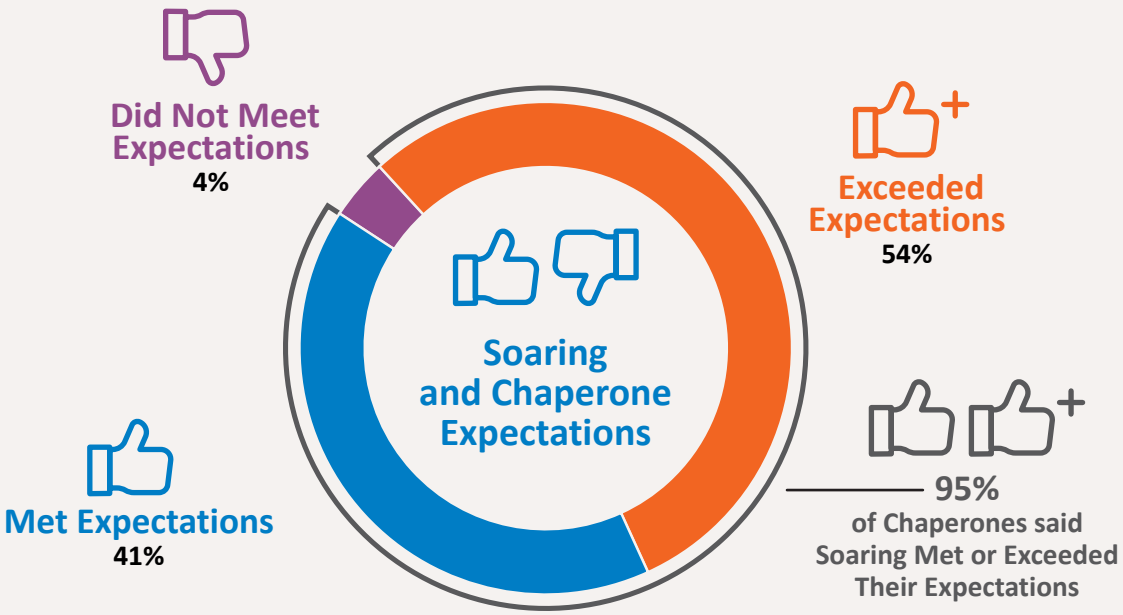
Arts, Culture, Media, and Entertainment

Natural and Applied Sciences

CHAPERONES







Chaperones Rated Soaring Very Highly, with 87% Reporting Soaring to be "Very Good" or "Excellent"

"My students felt empowered and proud of who they are. They felt inspired to learn their native language."

"Soaring has boosted our students' confidence allowing them to be more expressive."

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ATTENDEES

More Food

Increase the variety of food and offer greater cultural and health-conscious options.

Requested by:

Students Chaperones

Additional Day of Soaring

The event will feel less rushed and allow more break time, informal interactions, and opportunities to explore the host city.

Requested by:

Students Chaperones

More Interaction and Hand-On Activities

Engage students by providing interactive, hands-on activities.

Requested by:

Students Chaperones

Earlier Pre-Event Communication

Event information (e.g., agenda, funding confirmation) should be made available earlier in the year to allow for proper planning.

Requested by:

Chaperones

Soaring 2026 was well received,

boosting students' confidence and interest about their futures and leaving a lasting impression on chaperones. Feedback suggested that more opportunities for interaction, additional event time, and improved food options would further increase attendees' satisfaction and enjoyment.

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