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**Subject:** Welcoming International Students at Portage: Follow-up Virtual Engagement Session



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Hello,

I hope this message finds you well.

In June 2024, the Rural Immigration Initiative team at the [Rural Development Network](#) (RDN) facilitated three in-person engagement sessions to explore community readiness to welcome international students at Portage College.

We are pleased to invite you, or a representative from your organization to a 2.5-hour virtual follow-up engagement session on:

 **Monday, May 12th, 2025**  
 **2:00 - 4:30 pm.**

This session will include:

- A brief recap of the June 2024 engagement sessions
- Highlights from interviews with international students in your community
- Updates on housing, transportation, employment, and community belonging opportunities discussed previously

Your participation will be valuable in creating a welcoming environment for international students in your region.

**Please register here** [\[Zoom link\]](#). We also encourage you to share the registration link or the attached flyer with your networks and members.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [elainef@ruraldevelopment.ca](mailto:elainef@ruraldevelopment.ca).

Thank you, and we look forward to your participation!

Kind regards,  
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# Community Engagement – Supporting Incoming International Students

**St. Paul – Cold Lake – Lac La Biche**

**Follow-Up Community Engagement Session**

Portage College is committed to understanding how prepared the communities are to welcome in welcoming international students.

To support this, we are hosting a virtual follow-up engagement session with key community champions -- including local government representatives, service providers, the Chamber of Commerce, employers, and multicultural organizations.



Online Session

**Monday, May 12, 2025**

**2:00pm – 4:30pm MDT**



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