

American Indian Education Program Updates



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Update: American Indian Education Program

- Funding Sources for Programming
- American Indian Education Plan Goals
- American Indian Community/Cultural Liaison
- Family Engagement Events
- Introduction of the District 833 Indian Education Parent Committee



State Funding

District 833 began Indian Education Programming in the 2018-2019 school year.

- Minnesota American Indian Education Aid is administered by the Minnesota Department of Education and provides per-pupil funding to eligible school districts.
- School districts in Minnesota with 20 or more American Indian students are eligible to apply for American Indian Aid to implement Indian Ed programming.
- Minnesota Department of Education reports that we have 306 self identified American Indian students enrolled in District 833. Based on that number we receive \$65,824.
- The purpose of this program is to increase academic achievement, decrease the dropout rate, and to improve the school climate of American Indian students in a culturally appropriate manner.



Federal Funding

- Title VI Federal funding is designed to ensure that American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native students meet challenging state academic content and student academic achievement standards, as well as meet the unique culturally related needs.
- For school districts to receive Title VI federal funding, American Indian families are required to fill out a 506 form proving American Indian Enrollment or descendant.
 - We continue to encourage our families to complete the form to assist us in growing our Native American IE Program.
 - The Title VI impact aid will provide funding for family nights, cultural field trips, college tours, our Parent Advisory Committee, and professional development for staff.



American Indian Plan 2018-19 Goal Updates

Indian Education Program Plan (IEPP)

- School Districts receiving funding must create an IEPP in full collaboration with the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC).
 - **Goal #1:** Initiate collaboration between ECED programs and American Indian Programming. Invite families to participate in our community cultural events.
 - **Goal #2:** All AI Third-graders Achieve Grade Level Literacy
 - **Goal #3:** The proficiency gap between all White and American Indian students in all assessed grades (3-8, 10, and 11) in the South Washington County School District on the state math accountability tests (MCA) was 24.99% in 2018 and 14.21 % in 2019. This is a reduction of 10.78%.



American Indian Plan 2018-19 Goal Updates

- **Goal #4:** The average composite ACT score for American Indian students in South Washington County Schools will increase from 18.25 in 2018 to 20.00 in 2019. The actual average score was 20.20 in 2019 with 5 students taking the ACT. We did meet this goal.
- **Goal #5:** The four-year graduation rate for American Indian students in South Washington County Schools will increase from 75% in 2016 to 78% in 2017. This goal was not met. The graduation rate in 2017 was 75% (3 out of 4 students) and the graduation rate in 2018 was 66.67% (2 out of 3 students). *The 3rd student graduated in fall of 2018.



Plan Strategies

- Community/Cultural Liaison
 - Support students and families
- Professional Development in American Indian Education and History
- Parent Advisory Committee
- Family Engagement Events
- American Indian Education Resources



Staff: District 833 American Indian Education

- Kristine Schaefer - Assistant Superintendent
- Cori Thompson – Director of Achievement & Integration
- Brittney Amitrano – American Indian Community/Cultural Liaison



Highlights of Indian Ed Programming

- Shakopee Mdewakanton donated 100 backpacks
- Family events to build community with our families.
- Minnesota Indian Education Association Conference
- National Indian Education Association
- Sunka Wakan Native Youth Camp - Healing through horse nation cultural values



Highlights of Indian Ed Programming

- Collaborating with teachers at the elementary and secondary level to provide culturally relevant lessons and resources.
- Supporting students and families in navigating the school system.
- College Visits
- Provide ACT tutoring to all Juniors
- Parent Committee
- Raised a tribal flag at Woodbury Middle School



College Visits

- University of Minnesota
- University of Minnesota - Morris
- Minnesota State College - Southeast



Family Events

- Back to School Night
- Bead and Feed
- Indigenous Indoor Games
- Indigenous Cooking Class



Collaboration in Classrooms

- Classroom & staff presentations
- Example of topics covered – MN Tribes, Treaties, Mascots, Native American customs, Regalia's, etc.
- Mni Sota Makoce - attended professional development with 6th grade social studies teachers



Parent Committee

State Funding:

- Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78 requires that all Minnesota school districts with 10 or more American Indian students have an American Indian Parent Advisory Committee. The committee serves in an advisory role to the school district.

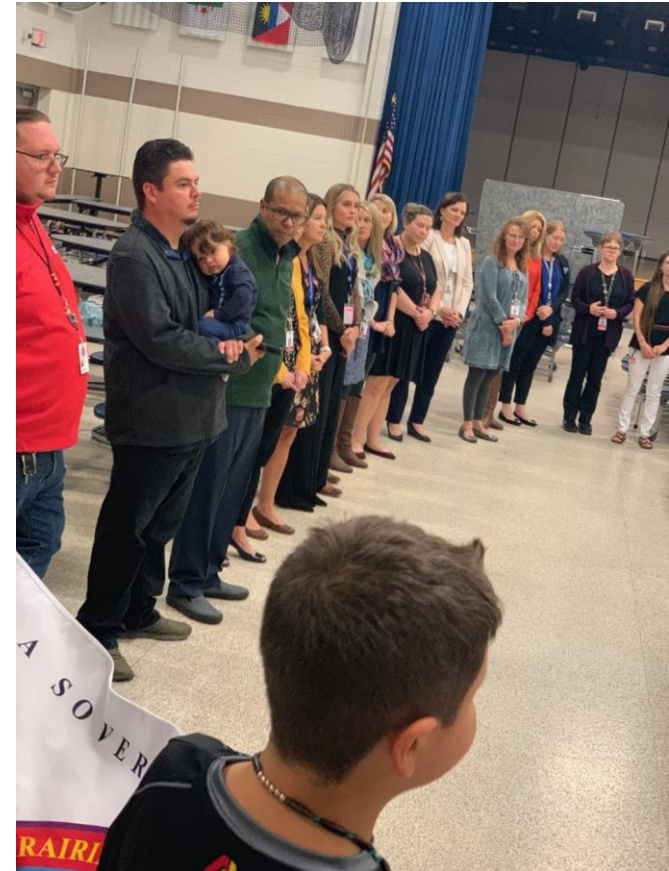
Federal Funding:

- The parent committee must meet the requirements of the program's legislation (section 6114(c)(4) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)), in order to receive funding. The applicant must develop its Title VI project and application with the participation and written approval of the parent committee.



District 833 Parent Committee

- Parent Committee Members:
- Janice Erickson – Chair
- Bob Tweedy – Vice Chair
- In the process of recruiting more parents



Parent Committee Resolution

- Each school year, the Parent committee will vote (concurrence or non-concurrence) to determine if the committee concurs that the school board and district are compliant with MN Statutes Section 124D.78, and that the school board and district are meeting the needs of American Indian students.



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Questions?

