



American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Report to the School Board

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What is MN American Indian Education Aid?

- **The American Indian Education Aid program is administered by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and provides per-pupil funding to districts, charter schools, and tribal schools that report an American Indian student count of 20 or more on the October 1 MARSS reporting deadline.**
- **Districts with 10 or more American Indian students require an American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC).**
- **The AIPAC issues a Vote of Concurrence annually.**



Grant Goal Areas

- **Support postsecondary preparation for pupils**
- **Support the academic achievement of American Indian students**
- **Make curriculum relevant to the needs, interests, and cultural heritage of American Indian pupils**
- **Provide positive reinforcement of the self-image of American Indian pupils**
- **Develop intercultural awareness among pupils, parents and staff**



Goals of AIPAC & MAPS partnership

- **AIPAC assistance in writing grant goals and initiatives**
- **Part time American Indian Liaison**
- **Part time American Indian Program Specialist**
- **Mahkato Education Day**
- **Indigenous People's Day**
- **Native authored books for school libraries and classrooms**
- **College visit opportunities and FAFSA labeling events for families and students**
- **AIPAC meet and greet and graduation celebration**



Vote of Concurrence Statement

We, the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee, issue a Vote of Concurrence. We attest that the school board and/or district are compliant with Minnesota Statutes and that the school board and/or district are meeting the needs of American Indian students. We issue a vote of concurrence with the following recommendations.

- We would like accurate Native cultural accounts depicted in curriculum resources and for parents to be able to easily respond to curriculum inequities and inaccuracies.
- We would like cultural experts and Native community members assisting in curriculum review processes.



Thank You!

Questions?