

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting To Be Held: 7/28/21



Recognition: ☐ Students ☐ Staff ☐ Parents
Information: ☐ Building Report ☐ Old Business ☐ Superintendent's Report
Action: ☐ Resignation ☐ Hiring ☐ Contract Service Agreements
☐ Travel Out-of-State ☐ Travel In State ☒ Approvals
☐ Termination ☐ Legal Matters ☐ Other:
This action request pertains to ☐ Elementary (only) ☒ High School/District Wide

Date: 7/16/21

To: **Board of Trustees**
Browning Public Schools

From: Corrina Guardipee-Hall
Title: Superintendent

Subject: NIISA Membership 2021-2022

Description:

Justification:

Financial Impact: \$ 3,000.00 (EL \$1,500.00; HS \$1,500.00)

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): Board Membership Budget

Attachment(s): Invoice

Approval: Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: ☐ N/A (Info) ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled to: _____

NATIONAL INDIAN IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

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July 1, 2021

Dear federally impacted Indian lands school districts, Ya'at'eeh!

RE: National Indian Impacted Schools Association—NIISA membership

The past year of COVID hardship has been a daunting challenge for all school districts across our great country. School boards, administration, staff, students and entire communities have had to adjust how services were provided in virtual and hybrid classrooms. The NIISA Board of Directors wishes to commend all Indian lands district for going “above and beyond” to provide education, nutrition and supplemental services in a safe manner!

During the pandemic, NIISA has continued to advocate for member needs and priorities in a variety of ways.

- Letters, phone calls, emails and Zoom conferences have replaced face-to-face meetings.
 - NIISA has signed on to letters supporting broadband and school construction funding.
 - NIISA submitted written testimony to President Biden's Transition Team requesting full funding of Impact Aid and a major increase in construction funding. NIISA invited to then provide oral input via Zoom.
 - NIISA recently participated in a Zoom meeting with an assistant secretary of education. The main topic was the need to increase funding for teacher housing in districts located in remote rural regions where recruiting and retaining highly qualified professionals is most difficult.
- NIISA drafted legislation, requesting \$1 Billion over four years to address the huge backlog of need for school facilities construction/renovation. The bill, entitled, “Federal-Community Partnership Act”, will be seeking sponsors in the near future.
- NIISA has drafted two Impact Aid handbooks that address Impact Aid from an Indian lands perspective. Member districts should have received electronic copies.
- NIISA continues to provide Impact Aid technical assistance and payment projections.
- NIISA awards two Stepping Stones grants of \$5000 each year. RFPs will be posted at a later date.

None of these activities could have occurred without your support through membership. For our loyal members, NIISA is grateful for your loyalty and support. For those districts not yet a member, NIISA urges you to join now and add your voice to the NIISA organization.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact NIISA Executive Director Brent Gish at gishbd@arvig.net.

Ahe'hee'! All the best to you,

Quincy Natay, President, Board of Directors

THE NAFIS FAMILY

National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

National Indian Impacted Schools Association

NIISA Membership Dues Invoice

Membership Year: September 1, 2021-August 31, 2022

TO: Corrina L Guardipee-Hall
Browning Elem. School Dist. #9
112 1st ave southwest, P.O Box 610
Browning, MT 59417-0610

AS A RECIPIENT OF IMPACT AID, YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL INDIAN IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (NIISA) IS BASED ON .0015 X YOUR DISTRICT'S IMPACT AID REVENUES RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2020-- \$300 MINIMUM AND \$1500 MAXIMUM. MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP YEAR: **\$1500**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

NIISA
ATTN: DAN HUDSON
384 SOUTH 3RD STREET
LANDER, WYOMING 82520 *

District address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Supt name _____ email _____

LEA contact _____ email _____

*Please include updated district contact information with your membership dues payment.

Why join NIISA?

NIISA is an incorporated non-profit organization working to increase Impact Aid appropriations for federally impacted Indian lands and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act school districts. To accomplish our mission, NIISA is working diligently to establish working relationships with key members of Congress in order to provide recommendations and testimony to make the Impact Aid law more effective, efficient and equitable. Further, NIISA has conducted outreach initiatives to establish collaborative relationships with organizations that have similar values and missions as do the National Indian Education Association-NIEA, the National Advisory Council on Indian Education-NACIE and the National Congress of American Indians-NCAI. Additionally, NIISA has responded to member needs surveys and recent GAO reports by drafting an infrastructure bill to address the backlog of school construction/teacher housing needs of member districts. Finally, as a member school district, you have a voice in all NIISA matters including electing NIISA leadership, serving in a leadership capacity, and guiding policy and organizational direction.

We urge you to consider the advantages NIISA brings to your school district and join our growing organization today. If you have further questions, please call Brent Gish at (218) 935-5848 or gishbd@arvig.net . Thank you!

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