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Dear School Board Members,

On behalf of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), I am writing to invite Dana Bremner to present at the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Convention, being held October 7–10, 2026, in Buffalo, New York.

The National Indian Education Association is the nation's leading organization dedicated to advancing educational opportunities and outcomes for Native students and communities. Its annual convention brings together Native educators, students, Tribal leaders, advocates and education professionals from across the country to share knowledge, strengthen relationships and advance Native education. The 2026 convention, whose theme is "Strength in Community: Building the Future Together," will include professional learning, workshops, cultural experiences and opportunities for collaboration.

The AFT has participated in the NIEA Convention for the past **10 years**, reflecting our longstanding commitment to building relationships with Native educators, Tribal communities and organizations and strengthening our work on Native education issues. Through this partnership, AFT members have an opportunity to learn directly from educators and leaders working in Native communities and to bring that knowledge back to their schools, unions and communities. Our work with NIEA is an important part of AFT's broader commitment to ensuring that educators and students have access to high-quality, culturally responsive public education.

Dana is a member of AFT's Native American Indigenous Peoples Task Force (NAITF) and has been an active participant in this work. Dana has also been selected to participate in this year's AFT delegation because she submitted a workshop proposal for the NIEA Convention. Her participation therefore provides an important opportunity not only for her own professional learning, but also for

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her to share her experience and expertise with educators from across the country.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information regarding Dana's participation or the conference.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting Dana's professional engagement in this important national education forum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Giselle', followed by a long horizontal line.

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