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# Indian Parent Action Committee (IPAC)
# Indian Education
# Monday, November 23, 2026

4:00 PM
Teams Meeting or Call-In
Dial in by phone 1-833-682-3239  Passcode: 884 908 743#

**AGENDA**

A. Call to Order
B. Moment of Silence
C. Introductions of Committee Members & Guests
D. Reorganization
E. Discussion of IPAC Resolution IPAC-2701
F. Approval of IPAC Resolution IPAC-2701
G. Committee Comments
H. Public Comments or Feedback
I. Adjournment

**Committee Members**:
Margaret Hansen
Tillie Ticket
Alice Adams
Carol Schaeffer
Charlene Hadley—Parent Rep
Kayla Pietila—Teacher Rep
Sylvia Ovoik & Melissa Gottschalk (student reps)
Joy Cogburn-Smith (non-voting)

Team Link

MISSION: To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel.
VISION: To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future.

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** NWABSD Indian Parent Action Commitee Members

**DATE: November 23, 2026**

**NUMBER: IPAC-2701**

**FR:** State & Federal Programs Department

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Resolution granting administrative budget authority to Director of State & Federal Programs

## ABSTRACT:

The State & Federal Programs Department requests approval of IPAC Resolution 2701, granting administrative budget authority to Joy Cogburn-Smith for the 2026-2027 Indian Education Formula Grant

## ISSUE:

At issue is the IPAC's approval of Resolution IPAC-2701, granting administrative budget authority to the Director of State & Federal Programs for the 2026–2027 school year to make any necessary revisions to the Indian Education Formula Grant budget in alignment with federal guidelines and district procedures.

## BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

In Spring 2025, the Office of Indian Education updated its guidelines to require approval from the Indian Education Committee for all budget revisions to the Indian Education Formula Grant. Prior to this change, budget revisions that did not change the scope of the approved grant project could be made without IPAC approval.

The successful and timely implementation of the Indian Education Formula Grant program depends on the flexibility to adjust the budget to meet program needs and comply with allowable federal guidelines. The Director of State & Federal Programs seeks IPAC approval to serve as the administrative budget authority for the 2026-2027 Formula Indian Education budget, enabling the Director to make necessary adjustments to ensure timely expenditure of funds by the end of the budget period. Such changes would cover moving monies to or from the budget category to cover salary or benefits overage and/or moving unused wages and benefits to supplies to ensure the grant is fully expended. If a budget revision is needed that changes the scope of our currently approved program, IPAC approval would be required.

## ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve IPAC Resolution 2701 to grant administrative budget authority to the Director of State & Federal Programs for the 2026–2027 school year as presented;

2. Disapprove IPAC Resolution 2701 to grant administrative budget authority to the Director of State & Federal Programs for the 2026–2027 school year as presented;

3. Take no final action.

## ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of IPAC Resolution 2701 to grant administrative budget authority to the Director of State & Federal Programs for the 2026–2027 school year as presented.

# INDIAN PARENT ACTION COMMITTEE (IPAC)

## Northwest Arctic Borough School District

### Resolution No. IPAC-2701

**A RESOLUTION TO GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF STATE & FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR THE 2026-2027 INDIAN EDUCATION FORMULA GRANT**

**WHEREAS,** the Indian Parent Action Committee (IPAC) of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District (NWABSD) provides guidance and input on the administration of the Indian Education Formula Grant (Title VI); and

**WHEREAS,** the successful and timely implementation of the Indian Education Formula Grant program depends on the flexibility to make adjustments to the budget in accordance with the needs of the program and allowable federal guidelines; and

**WHEREAS,** the Director of State & Federal Programs is responsible for overseeing the effective administration and compliance of the Indian Education Formula Grant and is in the best position to monitor and revise expenditures in real time; and

**WHEREAS,** budget revisions may include, but are not limited to, the reallocation of funds between allowable funding categories such as personnel, fringe, supplies, professional development, contracted services, and travel in order to meet the goals and objectives of the grant;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Indian Parent Action Committee (IPAC) hereby grants administrative budget authority to the Director of State & Federal Programs for the 2026-2027 school year to make any necessary revisions to the Indian Education Formula Grant budget in alignment with federal guidelines and district procedures.

2. This authority includes the transfer or reallocation of funds from one budget category to another as needed to effectively support the implementation and success of the Indian Education Formula Grant program. However, this authority does not extend to any budget revisions that would change the scope, purpose, or objectives of the program. Any such changes that affect the program's intent or design must receive prior review and approval by the Indian Parent Action Committee (IPAC).

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and will remain in effect through the conclusion of the 2026-2027 Indian Education Formula Grant ending June 30, 2027.

**Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2026**, by the Northwest Arctic Borough School District's Indian Parent Action Committee.

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IPAC President