

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2026

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

**FROM: COLLEEN CARDENUTO, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM &
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

SUBJECT: AMERICAN INDIAN PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

COMMENTS:

School districts that enroll ten or more American Indian students are required by Minnesota law to establish an American Indian Parent Advisory Committee and complete the Resolution of Concurrence / Non-concurrence documents each school year.

___ introduced the following resolution and urged its adoption:

AMERICAN INDIAN PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the school board or district has an AIPAC composed of parents/guardians of American Indian children who are eligible for Indian education programs, American Indian language and culture teachers and paraprofessionals, American Indian teachers, American Indian counselors, American Indian adults enrolled in educational programming, and American Indian representatives from community;

WHEREAS, the School Board or district affords the AIPAC the necessary information and the opportunity to effectively express their views concerning all aspects of American Indian education and the educational needs of the American Indian children enrolled in the school(s) and program(s); and

WHEREAS, the AIPAC is directly involved with and advises the School Board and district staff on Indian Education program planning; and,

WHEREAS, the AIPAC develops and submits recommendations to the School Board and district staff pertaining to the needs of American Indian students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIPAC concurs that the School Board and district are compliant with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, and that the School Board and district are meeting the needs of American Indian students.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was seconded by ____, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.