

# Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaadiwin Monthly Board Report

Date: 3/6/2025

## Program Updates

### Events Since the Last Board Meeting

- **February 11th - Native American Heritage Night**
  - The Leech Lake Honor Guard attended.
  - The Lacrosse team showcased their skills in an exhibition match during halftime to highlight traditional wooden stick lacrosse.
  - Community feedback was positive, and the event was well received.
  - LLBO sponsored the meal for the players, though the opposing team was unable to join.
- **March 1st - 9th Annual Ogitchiidaag Round Dance**
  - Well attended, with 85 guests signing in from other communities and 27 singers participating.
  - Goals for next year include increasing staff and student attendance.
  - The 2026 theme will honor the youth.
  - Thanks to LLBO for supporting the honorarium for non-invited singers.
  - Pictures from the event are posted on social media.
- **March 22nd - Round Dance in Belcourt, North Dakota**
  - 27 out of 30 eligible students (grades 7-12) participated in this approved field trip.
  - Students danced and engaged with community members from another region.
  - Photos from the event are available on the Anishinaabe Education Facebook group.

### Upcoming Events & Activities

- **Lacrosse Group**
  - March 7th: Wooden stick lacrosse event in Woodbury.
- **Drum and Dance Group**
  - March 15th: Attending the Minneapolis American Indian Center Pow-wow (overnight trip).
- **MIEA Conference (March 19-21st)**
  - All Anishinaabe Education staff and two Special Education team members will attend.
  - Focus on meeting Native students' cultural and educational needs, collaboration, and networking.
- **Seasonal Activities - Sugar Bush**
  - Andy Jackson and his class will begin tapping trees this week.
  - Teachers are encouraged to bring their students to observe and participate in the boiling process.
- **March 28th-29th**
  - Deer River Drum and Dance will attend the Bug O Nay Ge Shig Round Dance.
  - Afterward, they will travel to the Twin Cities for a lacrosse event.
- **April 1st - Community Culture Event**
  - This event, not hosted by Anishinaabe Education, will feature student performances.
  - A meal will be provided.

- **May 3rd - Annual Pow-wow & High School Royalty Selection**
- **May 22nd - King School Pow-wow & Jr. Royalty Selection**

### **Grant & Funding Updates**

- **Federal Reports (EASIE Title VI) & AIPAC Concurrence Vote**
  - EASIE Part 1 is complete.
  - Awaiting Leech Lake Education's signature on the tribal consultation paperwork.
- **2024-2025 State Grant**
  - Submitted and approved by the AIPAC on November 30, 2024.

### **Behavior & Student Support**

- **PBIS Implementation**
  - Continuing reinforcement of expectations: Engaged, Respectful, Responsible, Generous.

### **Closing Remarks**

- Our programs continue to engage students in both academic and cultural activities, fostering success and community involvement.
- Looking forward to another productive month of supporting student growth and achievement.

**Miigwech for your continued support!**