

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting To Be Held: 9/12/23



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: 9/5/23

To: Board of Trustees
Browning Public Schools

From: Corrina Guardipee-Hall
Title: Superintendent

Subject: NIISA Membership 2023-2024

Description: NIISA is an incorporated non-profit organization working to increase Impact Aid appropriations for federally impacted Indian lands. NIISA works with school districts and administration across the nation on behalf of Indian Lands children and continues efforts to enhance facilities, Indian lands districts basic support, construction and children with disabilities.

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

P.O. Box 30 | Naytahwaush, Minnesota 56566 | 218.935.5848 | www.niisa-lands.org



July 1, 2023

Dear Federally Impacted Indian Lands School District:

Greetings from the National Indian Impacted Schools Association (NIISA). We look forward to celebrating with you the 40-year anniversary (1983-2023) of Indian Lands leadership December 10-12, 2023, in Las Vegas at our annual conference.

This being one more reason to get your NIISA dues and membership sent early, as we look forward to your participation at the 40-year celebration.

The NIISA organization continues to work with school districts and administration across the nation on behalf of Indian Lands children. The future for each and every one of us lies in the hands of children. We thank each of you for your efforts and leadership during these past few years during the pandemic. Every school district had to go well beyond their means to provide safe learning environments for our students and our staff.

It is with much appreciation that the NIISA organization can say that a joint effort with NAFIS has an infrastructure bill "School Facilities Partnership Act" going thru Congress at this time. The language has been in creation for several years with NIISA partnerships. Please help to be that voice for getting infrastructure funding for our children.

NIISA continues efforts to enhance not only facilities, but appropriations for Indian Lands districts basic support, construction, and children with disabilities. Our Impact Aid handbooks were sent electronically to all member school districts. Technical assistance is readily available to help districts with application processes and payment projections upon request. Our two Stepping Stone grants for \$5000 each year are another opportunity to help students strive to greater achievements.

The success of the NIISA organization comes from none other than our school district memberships. For those current member school districts—THANK YOU. For new school districts looking to become part of the NIISA organization—WELCOME.

We urge your consideration of membership to the National Indian Impacted Schools Association to bring these and many more opportunities to your school district doorstep for your students, your staff, and your communities.

Questions and inquiries about the organization can be directed to our Executive Director, Mr. Brent Gish at gishbd@arvig.net.

Best Regards,

Lory DuFrain, President NIISA 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, 2023-August 31, 2024

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

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Membership dues for the 2023-2024 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 by providing 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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