

February 17, 2021

RED WING SCHOOL BOARD

2451 EAGLE RIDGE DR., RED WING, MN 55066

Pursuant to [MN Statutes, section 124D.78, subdivision 1](#), The Red Wing American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) is issuing a resolution of nonconcurrency for the 2020-2021 school year (see attached).

This committee has voted and determined Red Wing Public Schools (RWPS) “is not meeting the needs of American Indian (AI) students.” Being in compliance with guidelines set forth by the MN Department of Education (MDE) and Office of American Indian Education (OAIE), we submit these recommendations:

1. Beginning school year (SY) 2021-2022 and each year thereafter, the AIPAC requests a written accounting of all funds available to, or received by, RWPS, either, earmarked for, or, as a result of, AI children being enrolled in RWPS. This includes, but is not limited to: Johnson O’Malley funds, Title VI, Title I, Indian aid, additional State and/or Federal funding and any grant opportunities presented to RWPS concerning AI students.
2. Beginning opening week for staff in the year 2021 and each opening week thereafter, diversity/anti-bias training will be provided for all teachers and staff in RWPS. Including this training opening week would help make RWPS compliant with the [MN Due North Education Plan](#).
3. Pursuant to [MN Statutes, section 124D.77](#), RWPS shall establish a plan to have AI teacher(s) in the district by SY 21-22. At a minimum, RWPS shall establish working relationships with input from AI community members in all academic areas (i.e., art, literature, language, social sciences, agriculture, history, etc.). Increasing staff diversity is a priority in the [MN Due North Education Plan](#).

4. In place by SY 21-22, RWPS shall create for-credit classes at the high school which include Native culture, history and language. At a minimum, we want RWPS teachers to establish working relationships with AI community members and/or Prairie Island Indian Community (PI). The AIPAC has a goal to offer Dakota language as an option to German and Spanish for all students at the high school.
5. RWPS shall partner with the AIPAC in the writing and management of grants available to AI students within RWPS.

As per MDE and OAIE guidelines, we have sent our recommendations to OAIE and expect a written response from the Red Wing Public School Board to each of the above recommendations within 60 days of receipt of this letter. The AIPAC is making itself available to dialogue with the school board subcommittee who is assigned to respond to this letter.

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