

**Browning Public Schools**  
**Board Agenda Request**  
Meeting To Be Held: 7/27/22



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**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

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**Date:** 7/19/22

**To:** **Board of Trustees**  
Browning Public Schools

**From:** Corrina Guardipee-Hall  
**Title:** Superintendent

**Subject:** NIISA Membership 2022-2023

**Description:**

**Justification:**

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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](http://www.niisa-lands.org)



July 1, 2022

Dear federally impacted Indian lands school districts, Ya'at'eeh!

RE: National Indian Impacted Schools Association—NIISA membership

The challenges of providing “quality” educational opportunities during a COVID pandemic has been a monumental challenge for all school districts in our great Nation...certainly none greater than that of Indian Lands districts. Working together, school boards, administration, staff, students, parents and communities have risen to the challenge to move from in person/face-to-face instruction to remote/hybrid and back again. You are to be commended for your resiliency and stellar efforts that have gone above and beyond the “basics” to meet the needs your students.

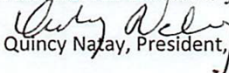
During the pandemic, NIISA has continued to advocate for member needs and priorities in a variety of ways.

- Letters, phone calls, emails, texts and Zoom conferences have been initiated:
  - NIISA has signed on to letters to Congress supporting broadband, school construction funding and increased appropriations.
  - NIISA submitted a request to President Biden requesting full funding of Impact Aid and a major increase in construction funding based on a GAO Study and NIISA survey data.
  - NIISA received an invitation to participate in a Zoom meeting with an Assistant Secretary of Education. The main topic focused the need to increase funding for teacher housing in districts located in remote rural regions where recruiting and retaining highly qualified professionals is most difficult.
- NIISA drafted legislation, requesting \$1 Billion over four years to address the huge backlog of need for school facilities construction/renovation entitled, the “Federal-Community Partnership Act”.
- NIISA has drafted two Impact Aid handbooks that address Impact Aid from an Indian lands perspective. Member districts were sent electronic copies.
- NIISA continues to provide Impact Aid technical assistance and payment projections upon request.
- NIISA awards two Stepping Stones grants of \$5,000 each year. RFPs will be posted.

None of these activities could be successful without your support through membership. For our loyal members, NIISA is grateful for your loyalty and support. For those districts not yet a member, NIISA urges you to join now and add your voice to the NIISA organization.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact NIISA Executive Director Brent Gish at [gishbd@arvig.net](mailto:gishbd@arvig.net).

Ahe'hee! All the best to you,

  
Quincy Nazay, President, Board of Directors

THE NAFIS FAMILY

National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

## National Indian Impacted Schools Association (NIISA)

### NIISA Membership Dues Invoice

Membership Year: **September 1, 2022-August 31, 2023**

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

AS A RECIPIENT OF IMPACT AID, YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL INDIAN IMPACTED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (NIISA) IS BASED ON .0015 X YOUR DISTRICT'S IMPACT AID REVENUES RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2020-- \$300 MINIMUM AND \$1500 MAXIMUM. MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR: **\$1500**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

NIISA  
ATTN: DAN HUDSON  
384 SOUTH 3<sup>RD</sup> 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?

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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](mailto:gishbd@arvig.net) . Thank you!



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