

NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL (NIEA)
INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL CONFERENCE (IEFA)



Dana Bremner & Lea Whitford went to Washington DC for NIEA hill week to advocate for funding Native Education.

A couple take a ways from the listening sessions:

- 1) There is a push for **Native Education For All (NEFA)**
Providing all K-12 students with instruction on American Indian, Alaska native and Native Hawaiian people.
- 2) Discussed a need for **formula funding Native Language programs**
Eliminate match funding for grants
Provide planning & implementation grants

The Montana delegation requests: Adequate funding for Native Language Programs, Impact Aid, construction money, housing issues for staff, need for more teacher training programs.



BNAS @ IEFA CONFERENCE
Each of the BNAS staff split and attended numerous training sessions. There were educational materials from OPI available that were brought back for staff. Each went away with ideas/lessons they may want to try in the future. Learned about Native Food Systems and grants available for schools, classrooms, food service programs. The BPS staff presenting did an excellent job! There was lots of good feedback from the audience in each session. BPS rocks!!!

