

ITEM FOR INFORMATION**SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE PROGRAM****SUMMARY**

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the American Indian/Alaska Native team will provide updates on current programming to support our native students and families so they feel a strong sense of belonging and experience academic success.

BACKGROUND

November is National Native American Heritage Month, also known as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. It is an opportunity to learn about the rich history, culture and contributions of the inhabitants of this land. It is a time to recognize the rich diversity of Indigenous peoples and their significant role in American history.

November is also a time when many of our American Indian/Alaska Native students attend cultural ceremonies and restoration celebrations. These ceremonies and restorations are great ways to incorporate local events and history into our classrooms. Additionally, the fourth Thursday of the month known as Thanksgiving is considered a Day of Mourning for many indigenous peoples.

In Beaverton, wraparound programming is provided to all American Indian/Alaska Native students in order to help preserve the rich cultural heritage practiced by many native students and families as well as to support their K-12 academic journey in the district.

Belong. Believe. Achieve.