



BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

# Hastings Public Schools

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## Native American Parent Advisory Council: Summary of March 5, 2026

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Old Business**
  - A. Compliance Vote
  - B. Resolutions
    1. Language and culture instruction
    2. Funding for the position
      - a) General Fund
      - b) American Indian Education Aid
  - C. NAPAC member experience
    1. Went to Rockford Schools
    2. Experienced Native American lunch menu
- III. **New Business**
  - A. **District Updates**
    1. School Board
      - a) Regular Board Meeting Update
        - (1) Vote of Non-concurrence
        - (2) Enrollment Update
          - (a) Declining
          - (b) Becoming more diverse
        - (3) Curriculum Update
        - (4) Long-Term Financial Plan
        - (5) ESP contract approval
        - (6) MSBA Day at the Capitol, March 9, 2026
    2. Dr. Wehrkamp-Herman
      - a) Funding for language and culture instruction
        - (1) Applied for a grant to support 2 FTE
          - (a) Language and Culture at High School
          - (b) Support lower grades
        - (2) If not awarded, 1.0 FTE has already been built into the budget
      - b) Budget Process
        - (1) State is projecting a \$3.7 billion dollar surplus
          - (a) Fully fund state mandates opportunity

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- (b) Opportunity to revisit Blue Ribbon working group (Special Education funding group)
  - (c) Compensatory numbers are less of a loss than anticipated
  - 3. Andrew Hodges: Grants and Teaching + Learning
    - a) Waiting on Language & Culture Grant
    - b) Supplemental curriculum for Fall 2026
  - 4. Cyan Peacock-Hale: Native American Education Liaison
    - a) Student support continues
    - b) Middle schoolers go to camp on March 12
    - c) Arranging traditional lacrosse experience
    - d) Connected with Prairie Island community
    - e) Attending Special Education Department meetings

**B. NAPAC Updates**

- 1. MIEA
- 2. NAPAC Apparel

**IV. Future Events**

**A. March Meeting**

- 1. Thursday, April 2, 2026, doors open at 5:30 PM
- 2. Curriculum Center

**B. Spring TNEC Consultations**

- 1. April 27-30, 2026
- 2. Treasure Island

**C. Graduation Ceremony**

- 1. May 5, 2026
- 2. Hastings High School Commons