# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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JENNIFER GARBOW. COORDINATOR

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Duluth American Indian Education Program's mission is to promote youth leadership, provide academic support and encourage career development for American Indian students based on American Indian values, culture and language.



## JESSICA ROBARGE, AMERICAN INDIAN HOME SCHOOL LIAISON: LINCOLN PARK MS

What I like best about my job is watching our youth grow & navigate into young adulthood & being a positive role model for them.



#### JAMIE DE LA CRUZ, AMERICAN INDIAN HOME SCHOOL LIAISON: LOWELL & MYERS-WILKINS ELEMENTARY

The best part of my job is teaching students and staff about American Indian / Indigenous culture, history, and language.



### SUSANNA MILLER, AMERICAN INDIAN HOME SCHOOL LIAISON: LAURA MACARTHUR & STOWE ELEMENTARY

The best thing I like about my job is helping the students with their academics.



#### JP RENNQUIST, AMERICAN INDIAN HOME SCHOOL LIAISON: DENFELD HS

 What I like about working for American Indian Education Department is getting to know all of our wonderful young people with all of their energy & life & possibility. I get the privilege of observing them & guiding them through these important times in their lives. And I am always deeply moved & overjoyed to be a part of the process of presenting them with their graduation Odemin sashes & watching them walk across the stage of the Denfeld Auditorium to receive their diplomas as graduating seniors.



### ANTHONY BUGG: AMERICAN INDIAN HOME SCHOOL LIAISON ORDEAN EAST MS & EAST HS

The best part about my job is seeing my students smile & be happy when they see me. Knowing I am making an impact on their lives for the better & providing a safe haven for students to feel comfortable. Strongly encouraging my students that

...YOU MATTER!



#### KANIKISA CORBIN: AMERICAN INDIAN HOME SCHOOL LIAISON PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

The kids. They teach me something new everyday, & they make the hard parts of this job worth showing up for. Also, the work we do with students & their families. I genuinely enjoy working and advocating for students & their families.



#### **MELANIE BLACK: OFFICE SUPPORT SPECIALIST SENIOR**

 What I love most about my new job here.
What I love most is my coworkers. They have made me feel so welcome and included. Every day I am happy to be here with my coworkers and the work we do for students.



### **CURRENT AIMS:**

- Kindergarten Readiness
- Read Well by Grade 3
- Closing the Achievement Gap
- Graduation
- Other items as identified



#### **EXPLORING NEW OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Credit recovery through service learning
- School within a School Denfeld
- Summer enrichment camps
- New partnerships
- Family & community engagement
- Growing the department



## AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AIPAC)

#### Due March Ist

- Vote Resolution of Concurrence/ Non-Concurrence
- Annual compliance documentation
- Resolution document
- AIPAC roster
- AIPAC meeting minutes



#### CONNECTING DEPARTMENT AIMS WITH FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### I LOVE TO READ MONTH!!

AIPAC Event

Harrison Community Club



## **MIIGWECH!!**

Conversation with Amber Greensky, AIPAC Chair Resolution of Concurrence/ Non-Concurrence

