

May 7, 2025

To: Native American Parent Advisory Committee (NAPAC)

From: St. Cloud Area Schools Board of Education

RE: School Board Response to NAPAC Non-Concurrence Vote

Thank you for your engagement in supporting our American Indian students and their families. We are committed to meeting the needs of all students and value NAPAC as an important partner in this work.

This communication is to address the required response to the NAPAC Resolution Document presented on February 19th, 2025. On this date, we received a presentation from American Indian Education Coordinator, Kip Perkins, of the American Indian Education program highlighting the district's work for the current 2024-25 school year. We also heard from NAPAC's Chair, Rosemary Wacker.

Ms. Wacker read an official statement on behalf of the parents regarding the vote, an annual compliance measure required by the State. In addition to receiving the vote of nonconcurrence, NAPAC recognized the progress made and reiterated the importance of continuing the work to achieve the shared goal of increased academic achievement and graduation for American Indian students, improved access to American Indian education for all students and staff, and increased support for the unique needs of our American Indian students.

As a Board of Education, we direct Administration to review these suggestions, prioritize and implement them as resources (i.e., time, funding, and staffing) allow. Furthermore, we encourage and fully support more collaboration between our Administration and NAPAC to improve outcomes for our American Indian students.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Cloud Area School District 742 Board of Education

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