

2022/23 RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE AND NON-CONCURRENCE

AIMS	GOALS	REASONS FOR NONCONCURRENCE	PROGRESS	RECOMMENDATIONS	RESPONSE to be developed by the school board (information provided from departments that own the work)
KINDERGARTEN READINESS	Increase the number of American Indian students/families in Early Childhood programs to be prepared and ready for Kindergarten. Increase knowledge of cultural differences/similarities of staff to have a safe beginning place for American Indian Students within DPS.	Lack of American Indian teachers/staff in the Early childhood level to provide ongoing culturally relevant support to families and students. (Approximately 2 known teachers of color.) Lack of culturally relevant curriculum district wide.	Oshki-Inwewin was implemented in the Fall of 2021-22 School year. We currently have 18 American Indian students participating in this program. We have 2 staff who identify as American Indians working within Oshki-Inwewin. All students were top performers on our End of Year Assessments of 4 year olds. Students scored 100% in 4 out of 5 domains, including language and literacy. The fourth domain, approaches to learning, All students scored 90%.	Continue to train all staff on culturally inclusive strategies to ensure Early Childhood programs are providing Ojibwe language and culturally relevant programming. Look at hiring practices and recruitment with Headstart and Human Resources. Integrate culture and language throughout Headstart programs beyond Oshki-Inwewin.	We are expanding seasonal Ojibwe language and cultural practices to all preschool classrooms. We are providing opportunities for culturally relevant family engagement. We have made the Oshki-Inwewin teaching position a TOSA position, so we are able to identify the best fit among applicants. The Preschool equity team has merged with the Education Equity Advisory Committee to de-silo preschool equity conversations and initiatives in our community.
READ WELL BY GRADE THREE	Increase the number of American Indian students to reading at grade level by third grade. Increase culturally appropriate resources/references in the curriculum so our students see themselves in school/curriculum.	American Indian students still continue to score low on reading assessments. 2021-22 data shows that 23.1 % American Indian students are proficient in reading by 3rd grade.	Curriculum Department purchased books for the Misaabekong Ojibwe Immersion program. ELA content specialist selected indigenous-focused books that were tied to Wonders curriculum and distributed them to K-5 teachers. (Note: Some of those books were purchased by the AIE program)	Address cultural inadequacies in the intervention model and or develop a tiered system of support that reflects the cultural needs of American Indian students. Train content specialists and teachers/staff on culturally specific curriculum resources and provide those resources to teachers/students.	Curriculum Coordinator met with Content Specialists to review MN Academic Standards relating to Minnesota American Indian Tribes. Our next step is to work with the Office of Education Equity and Office of American Indian Education to provide training on culturally responsive resources that can be embedded into written curriculum and shared with teachers/students. We have an Achievement & Integration strategy to provide culturally relevant intervention and curricular materials to students at Myers Wilkins. At our Immersion school through the A&I plan, we have cultural immersion paraprofessionals working within those classrooms to support the academic needs of our immersion program students.
CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP	Increase American Indian Student Achievement	American Indian students continue to score low on Math assessments. 2021-22 data shows that 12.9% American Indian students are proficient in Math.	AIE program coordinator will continue working with Elementary and Secondary Content Specialist and the staff development coordinator planning on-going opportunities for Math teachers and interventionists focused on Best Practices for American Indian students.	Address cultural inadequacies in the intervention model and or develop a tiered system of support that reflects the cultural needs of American Indian students. Train content specialists and teachers/staff on culturally specific curriculum resources and provide those resources to teachers/students.	Curriculum Coordinator met with Content Specialists to review MN Academic Standards relating to Minnesota American Indian Tribes. Our next step is to work with the Office of Education Equity and Office of American Indian Education to provide training on culturally responsive resources that can be embedded into written curriculum and shared with teachers/students. The Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment team has been actively pursuing a grant to further American Indian students exposure to STEM opportunities.
	Increase American Indian Student Achievement	American Indian students continue to score low on Reading assessments. 2021-22 data shows that 27.5 % American Indian students are proficient in Reading.	ELA specialist worked with the Coordinator of AIE and OEE to identify culturally appropriate books for teachers to utilize. Antibias training was done district-wide. DPS is working on providing classrooms with diverse classroom libraries. The Coordinator of AI Education has been a part of the process to choose books for Misaabekong classrooms.	Address cultural inadequacies in the intervention model and or develop a tiered system of support that reflects the cultural needs of American Indian students. Train content specialists on culturally specific curriculum resources and provide those resources to teachers/students.	Curriculum Coordinator met with Content Specialists to review MN Academic Standards relating to Minnesota American Indian Tribes. Our next step is to work with the Office of Education Equity and Office of American Indian Education to provide training on culturally responsive resources that can be embedded into written curriculum and shared with teachers/students. The Office of Education Equity, through an Achievement & Integration strategy, provides culturally relevant intervention and curricular material to students at Myers Wilkins to ensure students, teachers and classrooms have access to culturally relevant learning materials

	Make sure all teachers are aware of, knowledgeable, and teach the American Indian State Standards	Non-inclusive or inappropriate curriculum on American Indians. Not all teachers are teaching (and/or may not be aware of) American Indian State Standards	American Indian-focused State Standards have been shared with Content Specialists. The Coordinator of AI Educaion has been working with Dale U on getting resources. Focusing on 2 content areas each year. We are continuing with Math and ELA and adding Science.	Continue the work of American Indian-focused State Standards implementation that began in 2018. Bring awareness to teachers through content area meetings on the American Indian-focused state standards and tie resources and training to teachers. Work with the AIHSL in this process, they are a great resource. -Science Content Specialist is working with Memegwesiikweto create lessons to address American Indian-focused state standards. -Funding has been secured to provide classroom libraries to teachers that include culturally-responsive texts that will include American Indian literature. -The Curriculum Review and Adoption process has been revised to include more purposeful review and adoption of curriculum that is more representative and inclusive of American Indian students.	Continue in the 23-24 school year to embed training and resources around the American Indian-focused state standards into district-wide PLCs and content committee meetings. Science Content Specialist will continue to work with Memegwesiikwe to ensure that science standards related to American Indian tribes are addressed in curriculum docs with lessons created for teachers. When content committees review curriculum and instructional materials, they will use checklists and rubrics provided in the procedural guide to make sure the curriculum is representative and inclusive of American Indian students.
GRADUATION	Raise Graduation rates for American Indian students	All students reach 85% graduation rate by 2020	American Indian students graduation rates for 201-22 are 45.16% (4 year) and 65.7 % (7 year)	Identify and begin implementation of specific culturally responsive strategies and instruction focusing on meeting the unique educational or cultural needs of American Indian Students. Focus on the culture of the school, if they feel safe and welcome at school they will attend and be more engaged. Provide Check & Connect to ALL AI students.	The district has committed to implementing PBIS district-wide and as a part of that, will be clearly articulating/clarifying the district's supports within each of the tiers. This will include taking an inventory of interventions being delivered, staff delivering them, criteria used for identification, ways progress will be monitored, etc. In addition, early conversations have begun about providing Check & Connect training to existing staff who work with American Indian students. Staff development will continue to identify and implement professional development focused on specific culturally responsive strategies for teachers and additional school staff through districtwide professional development days.
OTHER ITEMS	Increase staff and student knowledge of American Indians original to the area.	Lack of cultural awareness and history of local tribes such as Ojibwe and Dakota. Also lack of understanding of why there is an American Indian Education Department.	Science Standards: 3rd grade is implementing new science standards specifically to AI students. Misaabekong developing a modern classroom. Blair Powless has been working on a histororaphy and American Indian lessons that have been implemented into East High School last school year. He will continue to work with the other High Schools to implement the lessons. DPS has increased his contract hours and pays for the additional hours.	Provide an American Indian Curriculum Specialist or Instructional Coach.	The Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment team is intentionally working on building relationships with the American Indian Education Department to include diverse perspectives and support for teachers in including MN Standards related to American Indian Tribes.
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