

Special Session

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RE: Wrenshaw Board of Education Response to American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) Vote of Non-Concurrence presented April 8, 2024

In accordance with [Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, subdivision 2](#), “By resolution, the Board must respond in writing within 60 days, in cases of nonconcurrence, to each recommendation made by the committee and state its reasons for implementing or not implementing the recommendations”.

The written Board response is due by June 7, 2024. This written response should: Be thoughtfully written, reviewed and signed by the entire school board; Address each AIPAC recommendation that the resolution of nonconcurrence addresses including specific reasons for implementing or not implementing the recommendations.

AIPAC Recommendations

District Responses

1. Conduct an American Indian Academic Standards audit.

The Wrenshaw District is transitioning to a new organizational chart which will include a formal curriculum committee. That committee will develop a comprehensive curriculum audit and road maps to include Minnesota standards and best practices for American Indian education.

2. AIPAC collaborative review of the MDE Indian Education Self-Assessment rubric

The School Board encourages the AIPAC to engage in the self-assessment process and to report its findings at a work session or regular business meeting. The Board also extends a standing invitation for AIPAC to provide reports during any regular meeting.

3. Staff development to continue the 8-hour cultural competency requirement with opportunities for staff to have Indigenous Peoples' education focus.

Another feature of the new district organization chart will be formal identification of a professional development team. The Board anticipates that the principal and the team

will place a major emphasis on continuous professional growth toward Indigenous Peoples' history, cultural practices, and trauma informed instructional practices.

4. To have the school's superintendent and a board member to attend monthly AIPAC meetings.

The part-time superintendent will make it a priority to attend all AIPAC meetings in person or virtually. The Board has created a standing committee assignment for representation at AIPAC meetings and events. Director Nicole Krisak has been assigned as the representative.

5. Gather, review and make recommendations/goals with American Indian student data to include but not limited to: the number of American Indian students in SPED, testing and bullying data.

The District must submit end of year data for federal and state programs. The Principal and Superintendent will disaggregate data from those reports to match the requests of AIPAC. That data can be used for collaborative goal setting in the 2024-2025 school year.

6. Have the school board via the superintendent keep the AIPAC updated on the progress of merger with Carlton Schools.

The Superintendent will provide status updates regarding the exploration of possible consolidation with the Carlton School District at each AIPAC meeting.

7. Looking into hiring an American Indian Navigator or Liaison position with the understanding the AIPAC members can be involved in the hiring process.

The District will draft a posting for a new Indigenous Navigator/Cultural Liaison position to be approved by AIPAC in May. Once a posting is approved, a recruiting committee will be assembled to include AIPAC participation and networking.



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Mary Carlson, Chair

Eric Ankrum, Vice-Chair

Ben Johnson, Clerk

Misty Bergman, Treasurer

Alice Kloepfer, Director

Nicole Krisak, Director



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Wrenshall Board of Education Resolution in Response to AIPAC Vote of Nonconcurrency

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) of Independent District No. 100 presented a Vote of Nonconcurrency on April 8, 2024.

WHEREAS, a vote of nonconcurrency requires the AIPAC to provide specific written recommendations for improvement to the School Board.

WHEREAS, the School Board is required to respond in writing to each recommendation within 60 days of the recommendations being put forth. The School Board must provide this written response to both the AIPAC and to the Office of Indian Education at the Minnesota Department of Education.

WHEREAS, the response has been prepared and signed by each Director of the School Board.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 100, as follows:

That the response approved by a majority vote on DATE will be forwarded to the AIPAC and the Minnesota Department of Education prior to June 8, 2024:

Voting Record

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Member _____ and upon vote being taken thereon,

The following voted in favor thereof,

The following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on June 5, 2024