

Here is an overview of meeting and events that the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) Education Programs Professional (EPP) for Indian Education either provides, or is affiliated with.

Professional Development:

Language & History (L&H) Symposium

Planning for the L&H Symposium is underway

10th Annual American Indian/Alaska Native Education Summit

This year we will celebrate our 10th Annual AI/AN Ed. Summit on March 20-21, 2017, at the University of Nevada, Reno. Our next planning meeting is in August where we will determine the theme, and the content.

State Education Agencies Indian Education Directors Meeting, June 2016

West Comprehensive Center (WCC) Indian Education Advisory Board, Scottsdale, AZ

The NDE and the WCC at WestEd work closely on several tasks, one being the Indian Education Advisory Board, which is made up of regional group State Education Agency (SEA) directors, Indian education leaders and advocates from Nevada, Arizona and Utah along with a representative from the National Congress of American Indians.

The purpose of the Board is to provide input and advisement to the WCC on Indian Education work in the region, to provide feedback to the Center as technical assistance provider for Indian Education to the SEAs served, and to prioritize the needs, both regionally and state specific, that inform Center work.

The WCC's Indian Education Advisory Board met with other comprehensive centers from around the country to discuss topics related to Indian Education, specifically what the consultations will look like for tribes to better understand what the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will consist for their students. The Nevada Department of Education (NDE), Indian Education, will provide a plan for consultation with the tribes, starting to plan in the fall of 2016. The NDE will reach out to other stakeholders to assist in preparing consultation efforts, including the Indian Education Advisory Committee (IEAC). WestEd has prepared a ESSA Policy Primer: Consultation, which is attached. Fredina will provide more information on the ESSA consultation with tribes during the Indian Education (IEAC) meetings starting in September.

The NDE has formed ESSA workgroups and is including stakeholders, including tribes to sit on the six workgroups. The workgroups consist are: 1) Assessment; 2) Accountability; 3) English Language Learners; 4) Funding Streams; 5) School Improvement; 6) Teaching

and Leading. The Duty Superintendent, Brett Barley has invited the IEAC to participate as a stakeholder. Brett has reached out to the IEAC Chair and Vice Chair and Executive Director. Saundra Mitrovich will sit on the Assessment Workgroup for the University of Nevada, Reno.

Region IX Equity Assistance Center (R9EAC) at WestEd Advisory Board Nevada Advisory Board

The Region IX Equity Assistance Center (R9EAC) at WestEd Advisory Board is made up of educators from Nevada with extensive knowledge about the education and equity issues facing districts and schools across the state. The board advises to assist the R9EAC with identifying and setting priorities regarding:

Update: Continuing to work on the six Cultural Competency Module for Indian Education.

National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Convention Planning, October 5-8, 2016

The NDE is providing assistance to planning the NIEA Convention. Fredina is the co-chair for the Powwow subcommittee and the Volunteer subcommittee, along with Lynn John, and will be the one to provide updates.

Update:

Volunteer, October 5-8, 2016

- E-sign Volunteer page available. This year, NIEA is offering volunteers to work two, four-hour shifts over the course of the Convention to be eligible to attend the Convention for free (volunteers must be from the region – Nevada). If interested please let Fredina know.

Pow Wow, October 7, 2016

- Pow wow flyer is attached
- The Pow Wow Committee set up a sponsor page for both the pow wow and the cultural night. Donate here for the pow wow or cultural night: <https://nvnieadonation.eventbrite.com>
- Donations have been coming in to assist to pay for the dance categories. We are looking for additional donations to assist with the pow wow
- Other: the Numaga Pow Wow Committee is allowing *the NIEA Nevada Planning Committee* a free booth to sell raffles, 50/50 and to provide information about the NIEA Convention.
- Pow wow committee is meeting regularly.

Other: NIEA Board Nomination

- Fredina was nominated to run for the NIEA Board.

Multicultural Education Standards Committee

The Multicultural Education Standards Committee is affiliated with the Assembly Bill 234. We are working on to incorporate into the current social studies standards.

The bill, is an act relating to education; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt a program of multicultural education for certain pupils; requiring certain license teachers to complete a course in multicultural education for renewal of their license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

In June 2016, the Council to Establish Academic Standards agreed to allow for a full revision of the Social Studies Standards based on the work done in the Multicultural education. In the fall 2016, a full Social Studies Standards Revision committee will come together and began revising. Indian Education will assist in this newest process.

Attachments:

Synopsis of the Native Education: Title VI of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Language & History Symposium Article

Other:

Please see the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education
School Environment Listening Session Final Report

<http://sites.ed.gov/whiaiane/files/2015/10/school-environment-listening-sessions-final-report.pdf>