

An overview of meetings and events that the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) Education Programs Professional (EPP) for Indian Education from May-August 2017

10th Annual American Indian/Alaska Native Education Summit

Hosted by the Nevada Department of Education, Nevada Indian Commission and the University of Nevada, Reno.

Planning is underway for next year's Summit. The dates are: Thursday, March 22 – Friday, March 23, 2018, at the University of Nevada, Reno.

State Education Agencies Indian Education Directors Meetings

The NDE and the West Comprehensive Center (WCC) at WestEd work closely on several tasks, one being Indian Education. The WCC Indian Education Advisory Board was formed to provide input and advise to the WCC on Indian Education work in the region, as well as to provide feedback to the Center as a technical assistance provider for Indian Education to the SEAs served, and to prioritize the needs, both regionally and state specific, that inform Center work. In addition, the Tri-State Alliance (TSA) has been formed and is made up of Nevada, Arizona and Utah's Indian Education directors.

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Indian Education Directors meeting took place in Austin, Texas, on June 26-27, 2017.

The Indian Education Directors have been meeting with the CCSSO since June 2016. It was at the first meeting that the Indian Education Directors met to discuss the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and how it would affect American Indian students in our states. The partners who have continued to provide resources toward the ESSA Tribal Consultation requirements are the CCSSO, the WestEd Comprehensive Centers, and the National Indian Education Association (NIEA). Resources were provided on how states/districts would include tribal consultation in their plans. We met again at the NIEA Convention in October 2016, to see where each state was in the process. In addition, the Comp Centers met with the Indian education directors through bi-monthly webinars to provide materials to enhance our work. The 2017-2018 academic year will be the first year where state education agencies (SEA) and local education agencies (LEA) are affected by tribal consultation. The meetings and webinars were very helpful.

The intent of the consultation process is to initiate meaningful collaboration between state, district and tribes in order for the tribes to have input before district and school plans are submitted to the Nevada Department of Education. However, it

is understood that this is the first year of implementation and that an extra year may be needed to fully implement tribal consultation. This implementation is a multi-year process and will take time to be fully embraced.

During the June 27, 2017 meeting, the NIEA led the meeting on the state ESSA Consultation process. We saw how the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) and the Muscogee Creek Nation collaborated. Together they provided a meeting with tribes and LEAs affected by the ESSA requirement.

The OSDE and the Muscogee Nation's presentation provided ways to improve relationships within their state. A similar meeting could be implemented in our state. The LEAs affected by tribal consultation are: Washoe County School District, Clark County School District, Elko County School District, and Churchill County School District.

During the meeting NIEA provided *A Native Process for Evaluation of State and Local Plans for Native Education Under ESSA* presentation. In addition, NIEA provided examples to be used in our states. The Nevada Department of Education will begin to initiate these steps into the Indian Education Plan.

The commitment from the Indian Education Directors was to continue to meet with state directors and CCSSO bi-annually, and to determine state, tribal, and district needs, as well as align resources to meet those needs. The next meeting will be at the NIEA, October 3, 2017. The content material presented will continue to be implemented at the NDE.

Connecting Cultures: Conversations among Leaders of American Indian Student Populations

We will continue the work done from the January meeting. We will continue work with the principals into the Fall 2017 academic year, along with the Nevada Department of Leadership Network.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Tribal Consultation

A Nevada Department of Education Guidance Document has been drafted for Indian Education to include ESSA Tribal Consultation, and Title VI, Indian Education Programs. Once the guidance is no longer in draft it will be made available.

2017 Draft of Nevada Academic Content Standards for Social Studies

The following is an update to the 2017 Social Studies (SS) Standard. The SS Standards were brought forth to the Nevada Regulations workshop on July 31. Once the State Board officially adopts the SS Standards they will move forward to develop an implementation guide for stakeholders. The implementation guide will be a living document and open to additions and suggestions. As the Education

Programs Professional for Indian Education, I will assist with the Equity and Diversity for grades 9-12. The draft is not available until after the State Board of Education approves it.

Nevada Department of Education, Indian Education Goals

I am currently working on two goals, to 1) support districts and schools in developing sustainable systems to promote high expectations for AI/AN students, and 2) provide an effective, regular, two-way system with tribal communities and schools to determine funding, policy, and instruction.

Thank you! If you have any questions, my contact information is below.

