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Washington Office of Superintendent of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

November 1, 2026

Dear Tribal Leaders and Education Partners:

Your assistance is requested in providing the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) with nominations for membership on the Washington State Native American Education Advisory Committee (WSNAEAC) to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The committee provides input from American Indian/Alaska Native representatives and supports relationships among those working in and with public schools, Tribal compact schools, and Tribal leadership.

We are accepting nominations for the following vacancies:

1. **Elementary/Secondary East**
2. **Pre-K/Early Learning**

The geographical distribution of representation is as follows:

West	East	Statewide
Three (3) Tribal Representatives	Three (3) Tribal Representatives	Three (3) Urban Representatives
Two (2) Elementary-Secondary Education Representatives	Two (2) Elementary-Secondary Education Representatives	Two (2) Tribal Compact School Representatives
One (1) Parent-Grandparent-Guardian-Elder Representative	One (1) Parent-Grandparent-Guardian-Elder Representative	Two (2) Higher Education-Tribal College Representatives
		One (1) Pre-K/Early Learning Education Representative
		Two (2) Statewide Education Organization Representatives

The State Superintendent or designee shall serve as an ex-officio WSNAEAC member. The Office of Native Education Assistant Superintendent, or designee, shall serve as Executive Secretary.

Goals of the Committee

A. Collaborate with OSPI on education issues: review, advise, exchange of consultation, and in acknowledgement of tribal sovereignty, work in partnership with OSPI to further the goals of Native American Education through collaboration on education issues.
B. Make recommendations, provide guidance on Native American Education critical issues.

C. Serve as advocates for programs serving the educational needs of Native students, including disproportionate number in foster care, special education, etc.
D. Be a resource on effective practices such as consultation, "John McCoy (lulilaš) Since Time Immemorial" Tribal Sovereignty Curriculum, collaborative data analysis, etc. A nomination form is attached to make a committee recommendation.

Please submit your nomination to OSPI by November 30, 2026. The nomination form can be accessed through the November 1, 2026 newsletter. Individuals may submit more than one nomination. All nominations will be reviewed by the OSPI Office of Native Education staff and then submitted to the State Superintendent for final consideration and selection to fill committee vacancies.

Please mail completed nominations to:

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You may email completed nominations to NativeEducation@k12.wa.us.

Thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions or would like the nomination form emailed to you, please email us at NativeEducation@k12.wa.us or call 360-725-6160.

Visit the Washington State Native American Education Advisory Committee (WSNAEAC) website for more information. (https://ospi.k12.wa.us/about-ospi/workgroups-committees/currently-meeting-workgroups/washington-state-native-american-education-advisory-committee-wsnaeac)

Thank you for your continued partnership,

Office of Native Education (ONE)
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)