



NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Indian Parent Action Committee (IPAC) Indian Education Monday, September 28, 2026

11:00 am

Teams Meeting or Call-In

Dial in by phone 1-833-682-3239 Passcode 14476589#

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Moment of Silence
- C. Introductions of Committee Members & Guests
- D. Discussion of IPAC Resolution IPAC-2701
- E. Discussion of Johnson O'Malley Conference and possible member attendance
- F. Approval of IPAC Resolution IPAC-2701
- G. Committee Comments
- H. Public Comments or Feedback
- I. Adjournment

Committee Members:

Margaret Hansen
Tillie Ticket—Vice President
Alice Adams—President
Alice Melton Barr—Secretary
Charlene Hadley—Parent Rep
Kayla Pietila—Teacher Rep
Vacant (student rep)
Joy Cogburn-Smith (non-voting)

Team Link



MISSION: To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel.
VISION: To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future.

INDIAN PARENT ACTION COMMITTEE (IPAC)

Northwest Arctic Borough School District

Resolution No. IPAC-2701

A RESOLUTION TO GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF STATE & FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR THE 2026-2027 INDIAN EDUCATION FORMULA GRANT

WHEREAS, the Indian Parent Action Committee (IPAC) of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District (NWABSD) provides guidance and input on the administration of the Indian Education Formula Grant (Title VI); and

WHEREAS, the successful and timely implementation of the Indian Education Formula Grant program depends on the flexibility to make adjustments to the budget in accordance with the needs of the program and allowable federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Director of State & Federal Programs is responsible for overseeing the effective administration and compliance of the Indian Education Formula Grant and is in the best position to monitor and revise expenditures in real time; and

WHEREAS, budget revisions may include, but are not limited to, the reallocation of funds between allowable funding categories such as personnel, fringe, supplies, professional development, contracted services, and travel in order to meet the goals and objectives of the grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Indian Parent Action Committee (IPAC) hereby grants administrative budget authority to the Director of State & Federal Programs for the 2026-2027 school year to make any necessary revisions to the Indian Education Formula Grant budget in alignment with federal guidelines and district procedures.
2. This authority includes the transfer or reallocation of funds from one budget category to another as needed to effectively support the implementation and success of the Indian Education Formula Grant program. However, this authority does not extend to any budget revisions that would change the scope, purpose, or objectives of the program. Any such changes that affect the program's intent or design must receive prior review and approval by the Indian Parent Action Committee (IPAC).

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and will remain in effect through the conclusion of the 2026-2027 Indian Education Formula Grant ending June 30, 2027.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the Northwest Arctic Borough School District's Indian Parent Action Committee.

Alice Adams IPAC President

During the prior budget year, the district received a set-aside allocation for JOM board development. The Bureau of Indian Education suggested we send board members to the National Conference, to be held December 7-9 in Scottsdale, AZ, with that funding.

Would the board like to send members to the December conference?

2026 NJOMA Conference Registration **Now Open!**

Scottsdale, AZ
December 7-9, 2026

Talking Stick Resort
9800 E Talking Stick Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
December 7-9, 2026



Conference Information
detailed below!

"Our Roots Ground Us, Our Spirit Drives Us"

The themes are selected to address several ideas.

- **Consistent Advocacy:** The NJOMA has been advocating on behalf of Native students and Indian education for over 30 years.
- **Student Impact:** Resiliency - mentally, spiritually and physically - is imperative in the academic success of JOM students.
- **We are Resilient:** As Indigenous leaders, we continuously provide support for each other and ensure our voices are heard in spaces that have an impact on Indian education.

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CONFERENCE THEME DAYS:

Monday - *Indigenous Dress to Impress* | **Tuesday** - *T-Shirt Tuesday* | **Wednesday** - *Walk Your Mocs*

NJOMA Conference - December 7-9, 2026

Preliminary Agenda at a Glance

Talking Stick Resort
9800 E. Talking Stick Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Sunday 12/6/2026	Monday 12/7/2026	Tuesday 12/8/2026	Wednesday 12/9/2026	Thursday 12/10/2026
Registration and Information Desk 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Registration and Information Desk 8:00 am - 5:30 pm	Information Desk 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Information Desk 8:00 am - 3:00 pm	
Vendors (Set Up) 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Vendors Open 8:00 am - 9:00 pm	Vendors Open 8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Vendors Open 8:00 am - 6:00 pm	
Silent Auction 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Silent Auction 9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Silent Auction 9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Silent Auction 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	
	Deadlines: 5:30 pm Candidacy** 5:30 pm Resolutions	Elections Voting Open 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Silent Auction Cash Out Notification 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	
Daily Meeting Schedules and Themes				
	Indigenous Dress to Impress	T-Shirt Tuesday	Walk Your Mocs	
NJOMA Board of Directors Meeting 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Breakfast (on your own)	Breakfast (on your own)	Breakfast (on your own)	Safe Travels Home!
	Registration (come and go) 8:00 am - 10:00 am	2nd General Session 8:30 am - 10:00 am	3rd General Session 8:30 am - 10:00 am	
	Coffee Service 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Keynote Speaker #2 TBD		
	1st General Session 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Coffee Service 8:00 am - 10:00 am	Coffee Service 8:00 am - 10:00 am	
	Keynote Speaker #1 TBD	Workshop 2 10:15 am - 11:45 pm	Workshop 5 10:15 am - 11:45 pm	
	Lunch & Regional Caucuses 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Lunch (on your own) 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch (on your own) 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	
		Workshop 3 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Workshop 6 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm	
		Break w/coffee service 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Break w/coffee service 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	
Registration & Welcome Reception (come and go) 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Workshop 1 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm	Workshop 4 Make & Take Activities 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Silent Auction Cash Out Notification 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	
	Deadlines: 5:30 p.m. Candidacy 5:30 p.m. Resolutions	Election Tally and Notification 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm		
Evening Free to explore Scottsdale or enjoy Local Entertainment!	Cultural Meal and Entertainment 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (ticket required)	Evening Free to explore Scottsdale!	NJOMA Banquet and Awards 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (ticket required)	
		Fundraiser Game Night 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm		

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 28, 2026

NUMBER: IPAC-2701

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of
Resolution granting
administrative budget
authority to Director of State
& Federal Programs

ABSTRACT:

The State & Federal Program Department requests approval of IPAC Resolution 2701, granting administrative budget authority to Joy Cogburn-Smith for the 2026-2027 Indian Education Formula Grant

ISSUE:

At issue is the IPAC's approval of Resolution IPAC-2701, granting administrative budget authority to the Director of State & Federal Programs for the 2026–2027 school year to make any necessary revisions to the Indian Education Formula Grant budget in alignment with federal guidelines and district procedures.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

In Spring 2025, the Office of Indian Education updated its guidelines to require approval from the Indian Education Committee for all budget revisions to the Indian Education Formula Grant. Prior to this change, budget revisions that did not change the scope of the approved grant project could be made without IPAC approval.

The successful and timely implementation of the Indian Education Formula Grant program depends on the flexibility to adjust the budget to meet program needs and comply with allowable federal guidelines. The Director of State & Federal Programs seeks IPAC approval to serve as the administrative budget authority for the 2026-2027 Formula Indian Education budget, enabling the Director to make necessary adjustments to ensure timely expenditure of funds by the end of the budget period. Such changes would cover moving monies to or from the budget category to cover salary or benefits overage and/or moving unused wages and benefits to supplies to ensure the grant is fully expended. If a budget revision is needed that changes the scope of our currently approved program, IPAC approval would be required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve IPAC Resolution 2701 to grant administrative budget authority to the Director of State & Federal Programs for the 2026–20267school year as presented;
2. Disapprove IPAC Resolution 2701 to grant administrative budget authority to the Director of State & Federal Programs for the 2026–2027 school year as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of IPAC Resolution 2701 to grant administrative budget authority to the Director of State & Federal Programs for the 2026–2027 school year as presented.