

Quarter 1 Report

January – March 2024



Tribal Nations Education Committee (TNEC)

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Committee Membership

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Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Vondalee Carr
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Quarter One (Q1) Highlights:

The following organizations or entities consulted with or presented to the Tribal Nations Education Committee during Q1:

Meetings:

January

PELSB | Yelena Bailey, Executive Director

- Updates on differentiation in eminence credential licensing areas for American Indian languages and culture
- New licensing areas; Dakota/Ojibwe language, history & culture

MDE: Office of American Indian Education | Dr. Jane Harstad, Director

- Data sharing legislation from last year
- Some districts are aware

Indigenous Education For All (IEFA)

- Office moved to Office of American Indian Education (OAIE)
- Two new positions to be added

February

MDE: Academic Standards | Jennifer Dugan, Director

- New Holocaust, Genocide of Indigenous People and Other Genocides Working Group (Jennifer Murray, Beth Tepper, Laurie Harper from TNEC)
- Closer to approval of Math Standards
- Computer Science Working Group report due to legislature in March

MDE | Willie Jett, Commissioner

- Education Omnibus Bill released for feedback
- MDE hosting Tribal State Relations in July at Mille Lacs
- Field Hearing draft report under internal review

March

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- **Overview of mission and presentation of data on American Indian language instruction in Minnesota schools**
- **62% AI enrollment rate in language classes**
- **56% of educators teaching language have culture & language license, 21% general ed, 23% no license**
- **No consistent materials regarding curriculum**

MDE: Academic Standards | Jennifer Dugan, Director

- **Social Studies standards finalized through rulemaking**

Additional Activities: