

MN ASSOCIATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS – NEW LAW PRIMER 2023

AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION AID (MN Statutes 124D.81)

ELGIBILITY:

- To be eligible, charter schools must have *at least 20 American Indian students enrolled identified by the state count* on Oct 1 of the previous school year
- To receive aid, an eligible charter school must submit a plan to the MDE American Indian education director

NEW: AMERICAN INDIAN AID AMOUNT INCREASED

- The **minimum** American Indian aid per district **increased to \$40,000**.
- The amount for each student served above the minimum **increased to \$500** per American Indian student.

NEW: CARRY OVER OF UNSPENT FUNDS TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR

A district/charter school **can now carry forward unspent American Indian aid** into the **first six months** of the following fiscal year if:

- The school is otherwise following the plan they submitted that was approved
- The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee for the school is aware of the approved carry forward and agrees with the district's education offerings extended through this program
- The funds are used in accordance with the American Indian education program
- By April 1st, the school reports to the MDE American Indian education director the reason the aid was not spent in the designated fiscal year and describes how it will spend the funds the following year

EFFECTIVE DATE – JULY 1, 2023