AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION – PART 2

NEW: INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY – (MN Statutes 120A.42)

• “Indigenous People’s Day” replaces “Columbus Day” on the list of holidays that schools MAY conduct school on the second Monday of October.
• Observance - at least one hour of the school program day must be devoted to observance of the day.
• Topics for Professional Development of teachers/staff or Instruction to students:
  o the history of treaties between the United States and Indigenous peoples
  o the history of federal boarding schools for Indigenous children
  o Indigenous languages
  o Indigenous traditional medicines and cultural or spiritual practices
  o the sovereignty of Tribal nations
  o the contributions of Indigenous people to American culture, literature, and society
  o current issues affecting Indigenous communities

NEW: AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE / LANGUAGE CLASSES – (MN Statutes 124D.74)

• A participating school that conducts American Indian education programs must provide American Indian culture and language classes if:
  o Five percent of the students enrolled are American Indian students
  o One hundred or more students are American Indian students

  Identified by the October 1 enrollment count of the previous school year.

NEW: DEDICATED PROGRAM COORDINATORS – (MN Statutes 124D.76)

• A participating school that conducts American Indian education programs with 100 or more American Indian students must employ one or more full-time or part-time dedicated American Indian education program coordinators.

NEW: AMERICAN INDIAN PARENT COMMITTEE – (MN Statutes 124.74)

• The committee must meet to discuss whether they concur with the educational offerings offered by the school. A process for voting concurrence or non-concurrence is defined.

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