

The American Indian Parent Advisory Council (AIPAC) for Bloomington Schools voted yes (concurring that BPS is meeting the needs of its American Indian students) on the Transmittal of Resolution.

We agree that the District is working to meet the needs of our students. We acknowledge that progress has been made according to the standardized test results we viewed and have hopes for continued growth. We support all efforts to close the opportunity gap in our school system. We recognize and welcome the upcoming expansion of after-school enrichments such as the offering of Chess at Valley View Elementary. Let's continue these efforts!

We would like to recommend that the District promote the history and culture of Minnesota's Indigenous people. We believe that increasing awareness of indigenous cultures benefits every student's learning. We propose recognizing the second Monday of October as **Indigenous Peoples Day**. The concept of Indigenous Peoples Day has been recognized in Minneapolis since 2014 and most recently the State of Minnesota in 2016 as they joined many other cities, states and school districts across the nation. We hope to create awareness of the community's contributions by dedicating a day to celebrate not only the history of Indigenous peoples, but also their living descendants and cultures, showcasing that Indigenous people are not just a moment in history, but a part of today's world.