Memorandum of Agreement
Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education
Kansas State Board of Education
Kansas Board of Regents

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) is between the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBOE) and the Kansas Board of Regents (KSBOR).

WHEREAS the Kansas State Board of Education is charged with providing general supervision of public schools, educational institutions, and all Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade educational interests of the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS the Kansas Board of Regents is charged with the control and supervision of public institutions of higher education throughout the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS over 10,000 American Indian / Alaska Native students attend public schools across the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS the parties recognize the unique status of Native Nations with sovereign and inherent rights to be involved in the education of their citizens;

WHEREAS the parties affirm their shared responsibility with Native Nations and communities to ensure Kansas schools are providing a culturally appropriate learning environment for all students, including Indian American / Alaska Native students; and

WHEREAS the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska all endorse this effort of the state agencies to work collaboratively as demonstrated by signed resolutions passed by their respective councils.

Therefore, KSBOE and KSBOR agree to collaboratively establish the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education (KACIE) whose goal will be to serve as a consulting body in matters related to Indigenous education in the State of Kansas. In support of this collaboration, the parties further agree:

To appoint the following voting members of KACIE,

- One representative of each of the four Tribal Nations currently residing in Kansas; the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, as appointed by each respective Nation;
- The President of the Kansas Board of Regents or her/his designee;
- One member of the Kansas State Board of Education as selected by the State Board;
- The Commissioner of Education or her/his designee;
- Three American Indian community representatives, with preference to individuals actively working in Kansas school districts as of the date of their nomination by any of the four tribal representatives; and
- One state university representative appointed by the Kansas Board of Regents.

To appoint the following non-voting members as representatives from their respective nominating organizations;

One representative from the Bureau of Indian Education;

Up to 5 representatives from federally recognized tribes residing in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, and/or Colorado with a current or historical connection to Kansas;

One representative from the Kansas Legislative Branch to be nominated by the representatives of the four Kansas Tribal Nations, KSBOE, or KBOR; and

One representative from the Kansas Executive Branch to be nominated by the representatives of the four Kansas Tribal Nations, KSBOE, or KBOR.

To arrange for KACIE meetings at least twice a calendar year, with additional meetings on an as-needed basis called by the Chair; and

To share information made available to, as well as policy recommendations made by, KACIE on publicly accessible agency websites.

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT BYLAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

Within 45 days of executing this agreement, the Kansas State Board of Education representative shall schedule and call the first meeting of the voting members of the advisory council. During its first meeting or as soon thereafter as it can be completed, the advisory council shall establish the manner in which the Chair of the council is to be determined, the term for which the Chair may serve, and shall so designate its Chair. The council may establish any other rules of procedure it feels necessary in order to accomplish the goals established herein without infringement upon the sovereign authority of any Tribal Nation. Nothing within this agreement shall be interpreted as a delegation of authority from either party.

EFFECTIVE DATES AND DURATION

This agreement becomes effective on the date of the last signature below and shall continue until terminated upon written notice from one party to the other. Either party may terminate this Memorandum in whole or in part if it is determined that such termination is in the best interest of the State of Kansas, and shall provide the other with written notice at least 30 days prior to the termination date.

VIII. SIGNATURES



4-9-24

Signature *Date*

Melanie Haas, Chair
Kansas State Board of Education



4-19-24

Signature *Date*

Jon Rolph, Chair
Kansas Board of Regents

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Resolution KT24-58

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas is a federally recognized Indian Tribe and continues to maintain a government-to-government relationship with the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas is organized in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378); and

WHEREAS, The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas is governed by the Kickapoo Tribal Council who is authorized under ARTICLE III of the Kickapoo Constitution and By-Laws, which were approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 26, 1937; and

WHEREAS, The Kickapoo Tribal Council is authorized to negotiate with Federal, State, and local governments under ARTICLE V- Section 1 (a) to provide services through grants and contracts; and

WHEREAS, The Kickapoo Tribal Council desires to see a better working relationship with the Kansas educational institutions to insure a better cultural learning environment for all Kickapoo students, other Native American students, along with all other students and to improve existing indigenous knowledge for everyone; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kickapoo Tribal Council endorses the Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) between the Kansas State Board of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents to collaboratively establish the Kansas advisory council for indigenous education with the goal to serve as a consulting body in matters relating indigenous education in the state of Kansas.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Tribal Council Resolution was adopted by the Kickapoo Tribal Council in a special session called for by the Tribal Council Chairperson on this 5th day of February 2024, at which 5 members were present, constituting the required quorum, with 4 members voting for, 0 members voting against, 0 abstaining; with the Chairperson not voting.

Gail Cheatham, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Howard Allen, Secretary

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION
TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 2024-033

ENDORSEMENT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
KANSAS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
KANSAS BOARD OF EDUCATION
KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

WHEREAS: The Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation (hereafter the "Nation") is a duly organized Tribal entity, with a Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 19, 1976, and last amended on December 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Article V of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Constitution, the Tribal Council is the governing body of the Nation with enumerated powers of authority to *negotiate, consult, and contract with Federal, State, local and Tribal governments, private enterprises, individuals, or organizations;* and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Constitution, the Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security and general welfare of the Nation and its members and of regulating law and order on the reservation; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council recognizes the urgent need to reform the state education system to create a culturally appropriate learning environment thereby committed to eradicating the imposition of counter-cultural standards on our children; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council believes at this time a collaborative approach with the Four Tribes of Kansas and the State of Kansas may be one way to remediate deficiencies by establishing a sustainable education environment benefiting not only Indian children but all children; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council wishes to approve the endorsement of the memorandum of agreement between the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBOE) and the Kansas Board of Regents (KSBOR) and the creation of the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education. (Attachment 1)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council does hereby approve the endorsement of the memorandum of agreement between the KS BOE and the KSBOR and the creation of the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly adopted on the 1st day of February, 2024 at a Meeting of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council, during which (6) members were present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of (5) for, (0) opposed, (0) abstaining, (1) absent from voting and the Chair not voting.

ATTEST:

Joseph P. Rupnick, Chairman

Lorrie Melchior, Secretary

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last written above.

Notary Public

DEANNA M. BREWER
Notary Public - State of Kansas
My Appt. Expires 05/31/2027

ENDOR

RESOLUTION 24-R-09

IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 31, 2024

WHEREAS, The Iowa Executive Committee being duly organized met in Regular Meeting this 31st day of January, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe Executive Committee has authority to act for the Iowa Tribe under the present Constitutional authority as provided in Sec. 1.a., Article V - Powers; and,

WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska being organized and empowered by their Constitution and Bylaws (approved November 6, 1978, and amended August 27, 1980); and,

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee recognizes the urgent need to reform the state education system to create a culturally appropriate learning environment thereby committed to eradicating the imposition of counter-cultural standards on our children; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee believes at this time a collaborative approach with the Four Tribes of Kansas and the State of Kansas may be one way to remediate deficiencies by establishing a sustainable education environment benefiting not only Indian children but all children; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee wishes to approve the endorsement of the memorandum of agreement between the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBOE) and the Kansas Board of Regents (KSBOR) and the creation of the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education. (Attachment A)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee does hereby approve the endorsement of the memorandum of agreement between the KS BOE and the KSBOR and the creation of the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted this date, January 31, 2024, in a Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, at which 5 members of the Committee were present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of 4 for, 0 against. Chairman abstained.

Timothy N. Rhodd, Chairman
Iowa Tribe Executive Committee

ATTEST:

Anthony G. Fee, Secretary
Iowa Tribe Executive Committee

RESOLUTION R4-24

Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Council

February 14, 2024

WHEREAS, The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Council being duly organized met in Regular Meeting this14th day of February, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Council has authority to act for the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Council under the present Constitutional authority as provided in Sec. 1.a., Article V - Powers; and,

WHEREAS, The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Council being organized and empowered by their Constitution and Bylaws (approved November 6, 1978, and amended August 27, 1980); and,

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council recognizes the urgent need to reform the state education system to create a culturally appropriate learning environment thereby committed to eradicating the imposition of counter-cultural standards on our children; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council believes at this time a collaborative approach with the Four Tribes of Kansas and the State of Kansas may be one way to remediate deficiencies by establishing a sustainable education environment benefiting not only Indian children but all children; and

WHEREAS, The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Council wishes to approve the endorsement of the memorandum of agreement between the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBOE) and the Kansas Board of Regents (KSBOR) and the creation of the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education. (Attachment A)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee does hereby approve the endorsement of the memorandum of agreement between the KS BOE and the KSBOR and the creation of the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted this date, February 14th, 2024, in a Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, at which 4 members of the Committee were present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of 3 for, 0 against. Chairman abstained.

Tribal Council
Tiauna Carnes Chairwoman

Tribal Council
Gary Bahr Vice Chair

Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri
in Kansas and Nebraska Tribal Council