

February 20, 2024

RED WING SCHOOL BOARD

2451 EAGLE RIDGE DR., RED WING, MN 55066

Pursuant to [MN Statutes, section 124D.78, subdivision 1](#), The Red Wing American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) is issuing a resolution of nonconcurrence for the 2022-2023 school year (see attached).

This committee has voted and determined Red Wing Public Schools (RWPS) “is not meeting the needs of American Indian (AI) students.” Being in compliance with guidelines set forth by the MN Department of Education (MDE) and Office of American Indian Education (OAIE), we submit these recommendations:

1. Red Wing Public Schools hire an American Indian Education Program Director with a start date of July 1, 2024 or sooner. The hiring process should include consultation and partnership with Prairie Island Indian Community and the RWPS AIPAC.
2. Provide the AIPAC with data regarding American Indian students in relation to other racial and ethnic groups at RWPS, specifically in the areas of discipline and behavior referrals and Special Education. Data should be presented in a way that is clear and easy to understand and raw data should be made available upon request (as allowable under the Data Privacy Act).

As per MDE and OAIE guidelines, we have sent our recommendations to OAIE and expect a written response from the Red Wing Public School Board to each of the above recommendations within 60 days of receipt of this letter. The AIPAC is making itself available to dialogue with the school board members that are assigned to respond to this letter.

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RED WING AMERICAN INDIAN PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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