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Iditarod Area School District 2022-2023

INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 6174.1 (a)

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

It is the intent of the Iditarod Area School District that all Indian and Alaska Native children of school age have equal access to all programs, services and activities offered within the school district. To this end, the Iditarod Area School District will consult with local tribal officials and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children in the planning and development of Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs), general education programs, and activities. These policies and procedures will be reviewed annually, and revisions will be made within 90 days of the determination that requirements are not being adequately met.

ATTESTATIONS

The Iditarod Area School District attests that it has established Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs) as required in section 7004 of the Impact Aid law for any children claimed who reside on eligible Indian lands. The IPPs have been adequately disseminated to the tribes and parents of children residing on eligible Indian lands. A copy of the current policies and procedures was attached to the FY23 Impact Aid application.

The Iditarod Area School District attests that it has provided a copy of written responses to comments, concerns and recommendations received from tribal leaders and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children through the Indian policies and procedures consultation process and disseminated these responses to tribal leaders and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children prior to the submission of their FY23 Impact Aid application.

INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TRIBE'S PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION: Post on the bulletin board in the tribal and school offices or District's website at www.iditarodsd.org or publicly advertised by the local radio.

The following Indian policies and procedures become effective upon school board approval.

POLICY 1: The Iditarod Area School District will disseminate relevant applications, evaluations, program plans, and information related to the District's education program and activities with sufficient advance notice to allow tribes and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children the opportunity to review and make recommendations. [34CFR232.94(a)(1)]

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The District Administrator/designee will, as soon as reasonably possible after such information becomes available, but no later than one week in advance of any meeting, post a flyer on the bulletin board in the tribal and school offices to notify Indian parents and Tribal officials that a copies of the following documents are available at www.iditarodsd.org :

- Impact Aid Fiscal Year 24 application;
- Evaluation of Equal Participation in all Educational Programs;
- Indian Policies and Procedures; and
- Plans for education programs the District intends to initiate or eliminate.

Parents of Indian and Alaska Native children, tribal officials, and the public will be given notice of any and all meetings at least one week in advance of public hearings held in March and October related to the above documents (Including IPPs). These hearings will be publicly advertised by the local radio or or by posted as a flyer on the bulletin board in the tribal and school offices. This will allow parents of Indian and Alaska Native children and tribes the time to review and provide comments on all documents and information received.

The District will disseminate information and seek timely input regarding the following programs on its educational program (including but not limited to); Title I, Part A, Title I, Part C, Title I, Part D, Title II, Part A, Title III, Part A, Title IV, Part A, Title IV, Part B, Title V, Part B subpart 2, Title VI, Part A, subpart 1, Title VII- Impact Aid programs, Johnson O'Malley programming.

Parents of Indian and Alaska Native Children, tribal officials, and Indian Education Committee, and any other interested persons can review assessment data to help develop or modify educational programs and services allowing for the participation of Indian students on an equal basis in the district.

Newsletter with results of discussions held in the meeting will be disseminated to every student and posted on the bulletin board in the tribal and school offices.

Policy (2): The Iditarod Area School District will provide an opportunity for the affected tribe or tribes and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children to provide their views on the District's educational program and activities, including recommendations on the needs of their children and on how the District my help those children realize the benefits of the educational programs and activities.

[34CFR232 .94(a)(2)]

- (i) Notify tribes and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children of the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations, considering the tribe's preference for a method of communication, and
- (ii) Modify the method of and time for soliciting Indian views, if necessary, to ensure the maximum participation of tribes and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children.

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- A. Once a quarter, family engagement nights will be held during which Indian and Alaska Native children parents and tribal officials will be given opportunity to provide input and submit comments and recommendations, considering the tribe's preference for a method of communication.
- B. Indian and Alaska Native children parents and Tribes will be given notice of any and all meetings by the preferred method of dissemination such as posting on the bulletin board in the tribal and school offices, or District's website, or publicly advertised by the local radio at least one week in advance.
- C. The Iditarod Area School District's Tribe prefers all communication with the tribe and the parents of Indian and Alaska Native children be disseminated via posting on the bulletin board in the tribal and school offices, or District's website, or publicly advertised by the local radio.
- D. Once the preferred method of communication has been decided, the tribe and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children communication method will be used throughout the consultation process. Any changes to the method will happen through additional consultation with tribes and parents. The District will, to the greatest extent possible, take the tribe's preferred method of communication into consideration for all correspondence with the tribe and the parents of Indian and Alaska Native children.
- E. If participation in the family engagement nights results in a low return or the established meeting yields low participation by the parents of Indian and Alaska Native children and tribal officials, the District will re-evaluate its plan and consult with parents of Indian and Alaska Native children and tribal officials on ways to improve and enhance participation in the consultation process. The District may re-locate meetings or time to encourage participation.

POLICY (3): The Iditarod Area School District will annually assess the extent to which Indian and Alaska Native children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian and Alaska Native children in the District's education program and activities. [34CFR232.94(a)(3)]

- (i) Share relevant information related to Indian and Alaska Native children's participation in the District's education program and activities with tribes and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children; and
- (ii) All tribes and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children have the opportunity and time to review and comment on whether Indian and Alaska Native children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian and Alaska Native children.

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The District will take the following measures to annually assess the extent to which Indian and Alaska Native children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian and Alaska Native children in the District's education program and activities.

- A. The Iditarod Area School District shall annually calculate from its records the ratio of Indian and Alaska Native children compared to non-Indian and Alaska Native children participating in all academic and co-curricular programs.
- B. The Iditarod Area School District will disseminate its assessment of Indian and Alaska Native children participation compared to non-Indian and Alaska Native children and any other related data with the parents of Indian and Alaska Native children and tribes by posting a flyer at the school and tribal offices notifying that results of assessments are available at the Iditarod Area School District website at www.iditarodsd.org. This information will be shared at least one week in advance of any meeting to discuss the extent to which Indian and Alaska Native children participate with non-Indian and Alaska Native children.
- C. Parents of Indian and Alaska Native children, tribal officials, and other interested parties may express their views on participation through direct communication with the school district, at any school board meeting, during public forum, or to the Indian Educational Committee (Parent Advisory Committee), directly to the school district in writing.
- D. If it is determined that there are gaps in Indian participation in the educational program or activities, the Iditarod Area School District's School Board in consultation with the Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee), tribes and the parents of Indian and Alaska Native children, will modify its education program in such a way as to improve Indian participation.

During the public hearings that are scheduled, the Iditarod Area School District will gather information relating to Indian and Alaska Native children's participation in the District's educational programs and activities. This information will also be made available to the parents of Indian and Alaska Native children, tribal officials, and/or the Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee) via posting on the website www.iditarodsd.org.

POLICY (4): The Iditarod Area School District will modify the IPPs if necessary, based upon the results of any assessment or input described in this document. [34CRF232.94(a)(4)]

- A. The Iditarod Area School District's School Board will schedule a meeting in October and March to discuss the content of the IPPs, equal participation, and educational program and activities.

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- B. Parents of Indian and Alaska Native children and tribes will be notified by a flyer on the bulletin board in the tribal and school offices regarding these meetings and their ability to submit comments. The Iditarod Area School District's School Board will evaluate all recommendations for changes to these IPPs.
- C. The Iditarod Area School District's School Board will decide on all recommended revisions to these IPPs.
- D. Any changes by the Iditarod Area School District's School Board will become effective immediately upon adoption.
- E. The Iditarod Area School District's School Board will disseminate copies of the revised IPPs to the tribe and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children by posting on the District's website at www.iditarodsd.org within 30 days of adoption by the Iditarod Area School District's School Board.

POLICY (5): The Iditarod Area School District will respond at least annually in writing to comments and recommendations made by tribes or parents of Indian and Alaska Native children, and disseminate the responses to comments and recommendations by mail, to the tribe and parents of Indian and Alaska Native children prior to the submission of the IPPs by the District. [34CRF232 .94(a)(5)]

- A. The Iditarod Area School District will annually keep track of and assemble all comments and suggestions received through the various the consultation processes compiled in binder by the District's secretary.
- B. The Iditarod Area School District will at least annually respond in writing to comments and recommendations made by tribes, or parents of Indian and Alaska Native children, and disseminate the responses to all parties in the form of the newsletter which will be distributed to every student and posted on the bulletin board in the tribal and school offices and/or on District's website www.iditarodsd.org .

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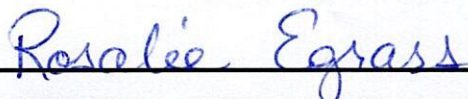
POLICY (6): The Iditarod Area School District will provide a copy of the IPPs annually to the affected tribe or tribes. [34CR F232.94 (a)(6)]

The District will annually provide a copy of the current Indian Policies and Procedures to each local tribe by posted on the bulletin board in the tribal and on District's website www.iditarodsd.org.

APPROVED BY:

 Sign & Print Name: Tribal Official

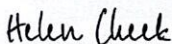
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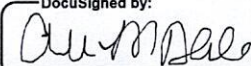
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Sign & Print Name: Superintendent

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Iditarod Area School District

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