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ASSURANCE

Code: 204.5

In order to meet federal requirements to insure the equal participation of Indian children in the school program and to insure tribal and parental involvement in the education of children residing on Indian lands, the Lapwai School District #341 resolves:

1. The district will annually assess the extent to which Indian students are participating on an equal basis in the educational programs and activities of the district. The superintendent and school board, in conjunction with the Indian Parent Committee, will review school-level assessment data and Annual Impact Aid Parent Questionnaire results to ensure equal participation and appropriate progress (Title VIII Standard 2).
2. When assessment data indicates Indian students do not participate on an equal basis with non-Indian students, or make appropriate progress, the superintendent and school board, in conjunction with the Indian Parent Committee, will be asked to recommend an action plan to modify the educational programs or services in order to attain equal participation or appropriate progress. Recommendations will be presented to the Lapwai School District Board of Trustees for action (Title VIII Standard 3).
3. That Indian children have been and will continue to be allowed to participate in school educational (academic, voc-tech, athletic and extra-curricular) programs and activities on an equal basis with all other children educated by the district.
4. That Impact Aid programs, evaluations and plans shall, by request, be disseminated to tribes and parents of Indian children. Each Impact Aid application, evaluation and plan shall be made available by contacting the Superintendent of Schools.
5. Tribal parents and leaders will be afforded the opportunity to provide input at the annual Impact Aid meeting held in prior to December of each year or by attending any school board meeting held on a monthly basis in the superintendent's office. The objective of these meetings is to provide tribal officials and parents of Indian children an opportunity to comment on whether Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the educational programs and activities provided by the LEA (Title VIII Standard 1). The district will notify Indian parents and the tribe in advance the location and time of the annual meeting (Title VIII Standard 6).
6. The Lapwai School District will continue to employ Indian personnel to work with parent advisory groups to determine educational needs, to gather input, and to make recommendations to the school district Board of Trustees and administrative officials.
7. Needs assessments will continue to be conducted by school district officials and state department personnel to better assess what the greatest needs might be for Indian children as well as all other students.
8. The tribal members shall be afforded the opportunity to present their overall views on the educational program and its operation during any school board meeting.

9. School policies and budgets are public information. The budget is published on an annual basis and will be reviewed annually at the Impact Aid hearing. The L.E.A. educational program will be discussed at each annual meeting.
10. The Equal Education Opportunity Act as defined in the school policy manual (see code #501) shall be followed and policies of the L.E.A. will apply to all students and staff members regardless of sex, creed or national origin.
11. The district policy manual, which is placed in areas accessible to patrons for their use, does address the subject of assurance of equality in instructional arrangements (see #8).

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