



**NEVADA**  
Department of  
Education

# INDIAN EDUCATION OFFICE NEWS

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

*On behalf of the Nevada Department of Education, I extend heartfelt thanks to the Tribal leaders, educators, students, and partners from across Nevada who attended the 2026 Annual Indian Education Summit. Together, we reflected on progress, strengthened partnerships, and advanced our shared commitment to American Indian student success. The conversations reaffirmed a vital truth: when Tribal Nations, educators, and communities collaborate, we build stronger systems of support for students.*

*Your leadership and voice remain essential. We are committed to ongoing dialogue with Tribal Nations and the school districts serving Native students, ensuring Tribal perspectives guide decision-making. Together, we can deepen collaboration and create the conditions for every American Indian student in Nevada to thrive.*

Victor Wakefield, Ed.D  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

## WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, OUR STUDENTS THRIVE



Nevada Tribal leaders shared powerful reflections on partnership, educational sovereignty, cultural connection, and shared responsibility for advancing outcomes for American Indian students across Nevada.

**“When students stay engaged, dreams stay alive!”**

- Chairman Daryl “Doug” Gardipe  
(Reno-Sparks Indian Colony)



## STUDENT SUCCESS SNAPSHOT: YOUTH LEADERS IN ACTION

At the 2026 Annual Indian Education Summit, Native student leaders took center stage, sharing their experiences and shaping discussions alongside educators and Tribal leaders. Promising strategies that they address included:

- Language & Cultural Revitalization Programs
- Culturally Grounded Attendance Initiatives
- Youth Leadership & Student Voice Initiatives



## NEW PLAN SETS PRIORITIES FOR AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT SUCCESS



This March, the Nevada Department of Education released the 2025–2030 Plan to Improve Outcomes for American Indian Students in Nevada. Developed through student outcome data and consultation with Tribal and district leaders, the plan identifies three key priorities:

- ***Increasing student attendance and engagement***
- ***Increasing graduation rates***
- ***Ensuring the accurate identification of American Indian students***

The plan includes clear targets and timelines to track progress and strengthen accountability. With sustained partnership and collaboration, Nevada is well positioned to advance meaningful progress for American Indian students.



**Connecting with elders  
strengthens your spirit the  
same way education  
strengthens your mind.**



- Chairman Gardipe



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**Go Wolf Pack!**