

POTEAU PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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*Interim Superintendent*



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*Assistant Superintendent*

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**District Indian Education Committee Meeting**  
**Bert Corr Administration Building**  
**September 6, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA:**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Record Members and Guests Present
3. Approve Minutes from April 19, 2022 Meeting
4. Elect 2022-2023 District Indian Education Committee Officers
5. Review Indian Education By-Laws
6. Discuss Cultural Activities for 22-23 School Year and Native American History Month
7. Program Director's Report
  - a. Choctaw Language Program
  - b. Native Graduation Cap Initiative
  - c. Choctaw Nation High School Student Services
  - d. Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society
  - e. Program Applications Available Through Chahta Portal
8. Discuss New Business
9. Adjourn Meeting

**INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Chairperson – Lesley James (Term Expires October 2022)  
Vice-Chairperson – Jennifer Roberts (Term Expires October 2023)  
Secretary – Christy Cunningham (Term Expires October 2022)  
School Member – Tiffany Latham (Term Expires October 2023)  
Student Member – Brooklyn Latham (Term Expires October 2022)  
Parent Member – New Position Added Per OIA (Term Expires October 2023)  
Tribal Member - New Position Added Per OIA (Term Expires October 2023)

**NOTES:**

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## Indian Education Director's Program Report

### **Choctaw Language Program (Facilitated by Julie Marvin):**

- Choctaw I: 27 Students (17 Native/63%) 3 Cherokee, 1 Chickasaw, 13 Choctaw
- Choctaw II: 8 Students (4 Native/50%) 4 Choctaw

### **Native Graduation Cap Initiative:**

- During the 2021-2022 school year, 10 graduates were approved to wear beaded graduation caps during commencement. Six of the students wore beaded graduation caps to the ceremony.

### **Choctaw Nation High School Student Services:**

- 114 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the *Choctaw Nation High School Student Services* program during SY 21-22. These 114 students received approximately \$5,000.00 in reimbursements for Driver's Education fees, cap and gown expenses, career technology program costs, ACT registrations, college application fees, and Advanced Placement examinations.

### **Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society:**

- 39 students qualified for *Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society*, with a cumulative GPA of 3.9 or higher, during SY 21-22. Ten students completed the application process. Four of them were seniors, and JOM paid their application fees.

### **Program Applications Now Available Through the Chahta Portal:**

- <https://chahtaachvffa.choctawnation.com>
- STAR Program
- Student School and Activity Fund
- Concurrent Enrollment (Higher Education Program)