

Funding Proposal for the Timx^w WA State Summer Indian Education Teaching Institute

Event Title: Timx^w Washington State Summer Indian Education Teaching Institute

Date: June 24-26, 2025

Location: Wenatchee Valley College and Omak School District, Omak, WA

Introduction

The Timx^w WA State Summer Indian Education Teaching Institute is a vital forum dedicated to sharing and learning best practices in culturally responsive education. This event aims to engage Washington State educators, school leaders, and community members in meaningful discussions and activities that honor the contributions of Indigenous tribes both historically and contemporarily. We invite a diverse audience including Pre-12 teachers, school administrators, board members, and faculty from post-secondary institutions.

Purpose

In alignment with Washington State's legislative commitment to the centennial accord with tribes, the institute will address the mandates of WA State Senate Bill 5433, which requires the inclusion of tribal history, culture, and governance in public school curricula. This initiative is essential to fostering understanding and respect for Indigenous perspectives and practices among all Washington students and educators.

Core Objectives:

1. **Cultural Responsiveness:** Share best practices for integrating Indigenous knowledge and perspectives into the classroom.
 2. **Policy Awareness:** Educate attendees about current policies and legislation related to Indigenous education.
 3. **Community Building:** Foster relationships between educators, tribal leaders, and Indigenous scholars to enhance collaboration.
 4. **Positive Outcomes:** Highlight successful outcomes from schools that have implemented culturally responsive practices.
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Theme and Significance

The theme of this year's institute, "**Timx^w – In This Place, We Are All Related,**" encapsulates the interconnectedness of all participants and the shared responsibility of educating students about Indigenous cultures. As Christine Quintasket-Mourning Dove noted, "everything on earth has a purpose, every disease a herb to cure it, and every person a mission." which serves as a guiding principle for our discussions on education and community.

Partners and Collaborators

The event is made possible through a partnership between:

- **Wenatchee Valley College**
- **Omak School District**
- **Paschal Sherman Indian School**
- **Colville Confederated Tribes**

These organizations bring together a wealth of resources and expertise, ensuring a rich and informative experience for all attendees.

Target Audience

The institute is designed for:

- WA Pre-12 Teachers
- School Administrators
- School Board Members
- Post-secondary Faculty and Staff

By reaching out to these groups, we aim to create a ripple effect of culturally responsive education practices across the state.

Budget Overview

Estimated Costs:

- Venue Rentals: \$2,500
- Audio Visual Equipment: \$1,000
- Materials and Supplies: \$6,000
- Honoraria for Speakers and Trainers: \$5,000
- Catering and Refreshments: \$15,000
- Marketing and Outreach: \$1,000
- Video Production: \$2,000
- Miscellaneous Expenses: \$700

Total Estimated Expenses: \$32,200

Conclusion

The Timx^w WA State Summer Indian Education Teaching Institute represents a critical opportunity to enhance educational practices in Washington State through the lens of Indigenous knowledge and perspectives. By supporting this event, you will contribute to a future where all students are equipped with a comprehensive understanding of the rich histories and cultures of the tribes that have shaped our state.

We kindly request your support to make this important event a reality. Together, we can cultivate an educational environment that honors and respects Indigenous contributions, paving the way for positive change in our schools and communities.

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Thank you for considering our request for funding to support this significant initiative.