



MONTANA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION
ADVISORY TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

President Rebecca Pringle & The National Education Association,

We, the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education have been informed that throughout the participation of Montana members at NEA events and trainings, inaccurate and unauthentic information has been produced and shared by your organization pertaining to American Indians.

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) was created by the Montana Board of Public Education to advise the Board and the Superintendent of Public Instruction on matters related to Indian education. The purpose of the Council is to:

"... provide for more effective and meaningful participation by Indian people in planning, implementation, and administration of relevant educational services and programs under the authority of local school boards."

The council is composed of representatives of the twelve tribal nations affiliated within Montana and other entities working in the interest of all American Indian people.

To advocate and amplify the goals of MACIE, we are writing this letter to voice our concerns relating to NEA curricula, and associated trainings. Inaccurate information and misrepresentations of American Indian people are harmful to all students, educators, and communities.

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) recommends and advises the National Education Association address these concerns by:

- affirming and upholding NEA's commitment to "championing justice and excellence in public education."
- developing an intentional process for vetting educational materials to include American Indian input in all content development and distribution.
- ensuring that all NEA trainers and mentors are receiving accurate resources and teaching tools in order to advance the mission, vision, and values of the NEA.
- defending the rights of all students, educators, schools, and families by granting them access to authentic information and teaching materials.

Thank You,

Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education

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