



Commission on Native Children
Friday, April 1, 2022
11 am – 1 pm AKT/1 – 3 pm MT/2 – 4 pm CT/3 – 5 pm ET

Virtual Hearing: K12 Education

This panel will discuss increasing Native children’s school attendance, performance and graduation rates and innovative extracurricular programs and the integration of culture and language. During this panel, experts will present strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improvement in the education system for Native children, youth and their communities.

- Introductions and welcome (5 minutes) Chair Gloria O’Neill
- Invocation (3 minutes)
- Review of Commission Norms (2 minutes) Chair O’Neill

The Commission will adhere to the following norms in all interactions:

- To incorporate ceremony and/or prayer to begin each meeting
 - To recognize and celebrate what is working
 - To respect all ideas
 - To be mindful of each person’s own behavior and reactions so as not to repeat trauma behaviors
 - To promote healing
 - To ensure there is a community-organized closing event at hearings
 - To treat others as they want to be treated
 - To not take offense and observe without judgment
 - To pause before decision
 - To have fearless, honest dialogue
 - To be flexible
 - To hear all voices
 - To learn from story
 - To be respectful of time
- Overview of Commission and goals of meeting (5 minutes) Chair O’Neill
 - Dr. Susan Faircloth, Director of the School of Education, Colorado State University (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)

- Dr. Debra Dennison, Chair of the National Advisory Council on Native Education, Superintendent of the San Carlos Unified School District on the San Carlos Apache Nation, Member of the ADE Indian Education Advisory Council (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
- Dr. Leilani Sabzalian, Assistant Professor of Indigenous Studies in Education and the Co-Director of the Sapsik'wałá (Teacher) Education Program at the University of Oregon (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
- Cross-Cutting Recommendations from Witnesses (20 minutes) Chair O'Neill
- Questions and discussion (22 minutes) Chair O'Neill
- Wrap up (3 minutes) Chair O'Neill