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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 13, 2021

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent *sm*
P-20 System and Student Transitions

SUBJECT: Native American Heritage Fund Accepting 2021 Applications

On April 23, 2021, the Native American Heritage Fund (NAHF) board announced the 2021 grant cycle for the Native American Heritage Fund. Applications are available on the NAHF website at <https://nahfund.com/application/> and can be submitted online and/or via regular U.S. mail. Applications are due to the NAHF Board by 5 p.m. Friday, June 11.

The NAHF was established in 2016 as part of the second amendment to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) and the State of Michigan. The amendment allowed for a portion of NHBP's annual state revenue sharing payment to be deposited into the NAHF. The fund serves to promote positive relationships between public and private K-12 schools, colleges, universities, local units of government, and Michigan's federally recognized Native American Tribes.

Projects eligible for funding may include events, art projects, and/or language classes that encourage inclusivity between Native Americans and Michiganders, as well as changing or revising curricula, improving program development, replacing or revising government seals or images in public spaces, and replacing or revising mascots or imagery that are offensive to Native Americans.

You may read the NAHF press release at: https://nahfund.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/NAHF_Accepting_Applications_2021.pdf

Contact Kelli Scott regarding the grant/application at kdscott@calhouncountymi.gov.

To apply via regular U.S. mail, you may send an application to Calhoun County, Administrator/Controller, Kelli Scott, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, Michigan 49068.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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