



Tribal Education Directors  
Native Language Program Directors  
Tribal Librarians  
Tribal Early Education Directors

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Dear Tribal Education Directors, Tribal Educators, and Tribal Librarians,

It is my pleasure to invite you, on behalf of the Leadership Institute at the Santa Fe Indian School and the All Pueblo Council of Governors, and in collaboration with Transform Education New Mexico and the New Mexico Center for Law and Poverty, to a **tribal education legislative briefing on Friday, December 15, 9am to 3pm, at the Hotel Santa Fe**. Together we will review our legislative agenda for the 2024 New Mexico legislative session and request support from invited state legislators.

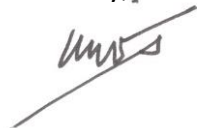
This is the follow-up meeting to the tribal education community institute you and your colleagues attended in September. At that convening, we collectively refined proposals and recommendations for tribal education, grounded in the Tribal Remedy Framework. The Tribal Remedy Framework is the collective tribal response to the 2018 landmark *Yazzie/Martinez* court ruling, which the State has yet to comply with. A report containing your recommendations from the September meeting will be published soon. As the legislative session is drawing closer (January 16-February 15, 2024), it is critical that we share our recommendations with state legislators and policymakers, and we need your help and support to do that.

At the heart of the 2024 tribal education agenda are proposals for stable, consistent, sufficient, and sustainable funding for all tribal education departments, programs, and facilities, from early childhood education to language programs to tribal libraries. We heard from all of you, and from tribal leadership, that state investment in strengthening tribal education capacity is critical, but that it must be driven by a respect for tribal education sovereignty.

Please join us in making a case for appropriate and sufficient state investments, starting on December 15 and going into the legislative session. As Representative Derrick Lente said at the September convening: "We need to come together and stand up for ourselves. No one else is going to do this for us."

Please join us on Friday, December 15, in Santa Fe, to review and share the 2024 legislative proposals for tribal education, developed and refined through our collective work.

Sincerely,



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