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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

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SUBJECT: Native American Education Conference



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10TH ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS

The 2019 Native American Education Conference [registration](#) is now open for educators, community members, and youth entering grades 6-12. The conference will be held August 7-8 at Central Wyoming College in Riverton.

The opening keynote will be offered by Dr. Lee Francis IV, a Laguna Pueblo member and creator of the first Indigenous Comic Con. Other presenters include Sen. Mike Enzi and his wife, Diana, who will discuss the Congressional Award and present the Pacesetter Award to top Native American high school students from each district. Nubia Peña of the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault will discuss the role of trauma in the school-to-prison pipeline. Kansas and Kyal Middletent, founders of Native Hope and members of the Lower Brule Sioux Nation, will address their efforts to strengthen and heal Native communities.

In addition, there will be more than 80 workshops on Native American history, culture, cultural responsibility, effective classroom techniques for enhancing Native student achievement, and suicide awareness and prevention.

Youth activities will be organized by the Wind River UNITY Council and will include cultural activities, inspirational speakers, a basketball

tournament, and an ice cream social. The full schedule can be viewed [online](#).

The cost of the conference is \$35 for adults, and youth attend for free.

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