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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

> **Curriculum Directors** K-12 Principals

Social Studies Teachers

Counselors

FROM: Wanda Maloney, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: February 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Call for Presenters for the 2023 Native American Education Conference

CALL FOR PRESENTERS FOR THE 2023 NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Wyoming Department of Education is calling for presenters for the 14th-annual Native American Education Conference (NAEC), set for August 8-10, 2023, at Central Wyoming College in Riverton.

The mission of the conference is to "Instill Pride and Strengthen Engagement in Youth through Native American History and Culture." This year's theme is "The Whole Child - Addressing Mental, Emotional, and Physical Needs of Indigenous Students."

Presentation proposals should be aligned with one or more of the following strands:

- Understanding and appreciating Native American culture, history, and traditions including performing arts, visual arts, storytelling, artifacts, photographs, academic research, and film.
- Supporting instructional and learning needs of Native American students, including teaching to Wyoming Education Standards.
- Empowering youth/supporting social and emotional needs of Native American students.
- Building relationships among the school, families, tribe, and community.
- Strengthening resilience and perseverance.

Those interested in presenting should complete the **Presentation Proposal Survey** by April 17, 2023, for consideration. Conference information will be updated on the WDE NAEC page.

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