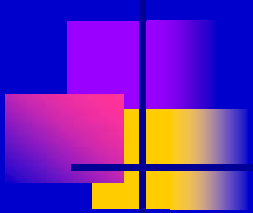


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Choctaw, Mississippi

October 8, 2008



***National Indian Education Association
Program Initiatives & Legislative Advocacy***

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(NIEA)**

NCLB Congressional Field Hearings

- Gila River Indian Community,
Arizona



- Santa Fe Indian School,
New Mexico



No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Initiative



NIEA held five regional hearings this year because you are concerned about the disparity in academic achievement between schools funded and operated by BIE and other schools, and with your testimony, NIEA went before Congress.


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High School Policy Reform Initiative

- Campaign for High School Equity – Coalition of 9 national organizations
- National action to improve America's high schools
- Bill & Melinda Gates Grant



STEM-(Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Initiative

NIEA



AISES



NCAI



National Native Cultural Education Standards Initiative

- Partners
- Purpose
- Phase I-IV



NIEA's 12th Annual Legislative Summit

Washington D.C.,
February 9-11,
2009

- * Legislative Updates
- * State of Indian
Education Address
- * Capital Hill visits
- * Close-Up Foundation



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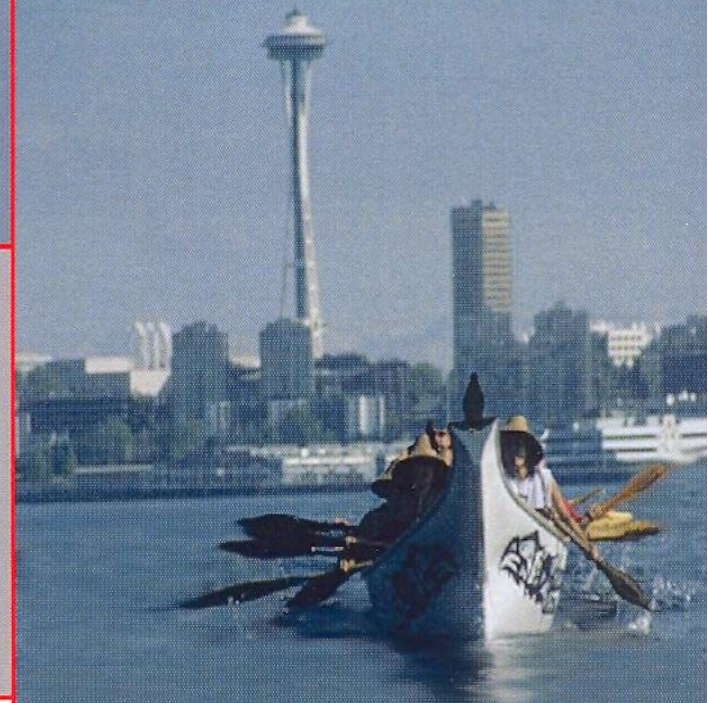
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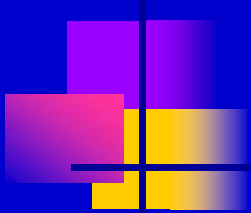
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- 3,500+ members
- Advocacy & Professional Development
- American Indians, Alaska Natives & Native Hawaiians
- Trust Relationship



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MISSION

The mission of the National Indian Education Association is to support traditional Native cultures and values; to enable Native learners to become contributing members of their communities; to promote Native control of educational institutions; and to improve educational opportunities and resources for American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians throughout the United States.

Federal Reports & Legislation

- *The "Meriam Report" (1928)*
- *The Indian Education Act (1972) (P.L. 92-318)*
- *Executive Order #13336
American Indian & Alaska Native
Education Act 2004*



NIEA Program Initiatives

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- Native Language Revitalization
 - Native Children's Agenda
 - No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
 - High School Policy Reform
 - STEM- Science, Technology,
Engineering, & Mathematics
 - National Native Cultural Education
Standards

Native Language Loss

- Marie Smith Jones, Eyak Language

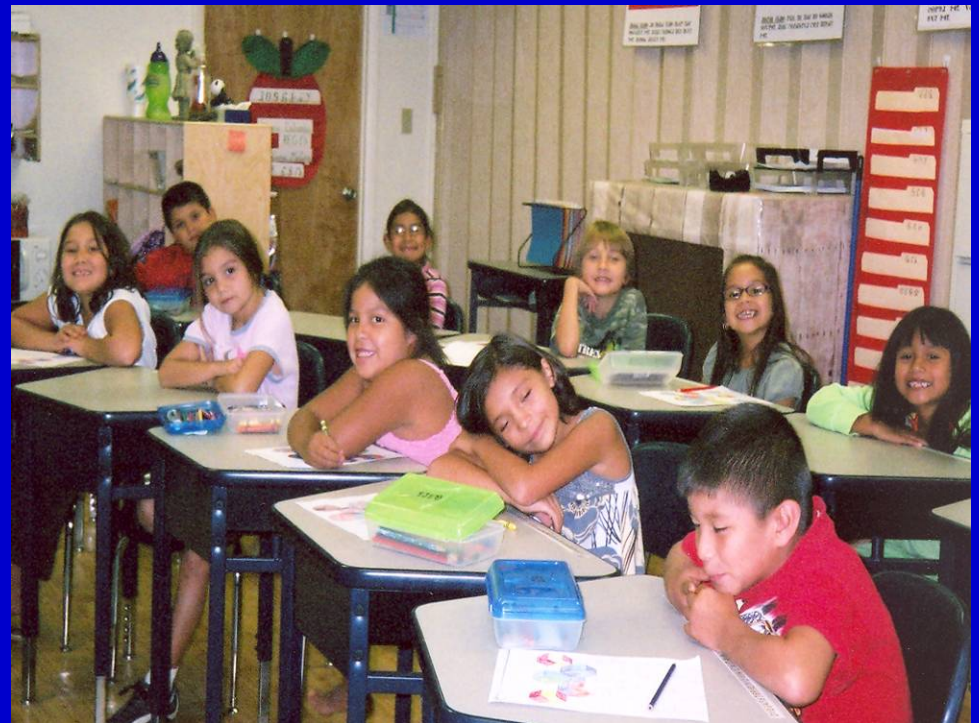


Native Language Revitalization Initiative

Esther Martinez Native
American Languages
Preservation Act 2006



- Cherokee Nation Immersion Classroom



Native Children's Agenda Initiative



Mississippi Band of
Choctaw Indians

Native Children's Agenda

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No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Initiative

- NIEA's top legislative priority
- Since 2005, held 12 NIEA sponsored Field Hearings across Indian Country
- NCLB (ESEA Act) reauthorization postponed

