

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

October 12, 2015

**Special Meeting:
Resolution 2016-05: Indigenous Peoples' Day**

12:00 p.m., Noon
Board Room, Administrative Center
520 Fifth Avenue

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. OUR MISSION:** *Our mission is to provide an excellent, equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society.*
- 3. Roll Call**
 - Heidi Haas, President
 - Wendy Dominique, Vice President
 - Allyson Lambert, Treasurer
 - Lisa Gentry, Clerk
 - Sue Hull, Member
 - Michael O'Brien, Member
 - Sean Rice, Member
- 4. Public Comments:** *Comments limited to items on the agenda only*
- 5. Resolution 2016-05: Indigenous Peoples' Day**
- 6. Board Comments/Announcements**
- 7. Adjournment**

Executive Session: The board reserves the right to enter into executive session on any agenda item as and to the extent allowed for in State law. Executive sessions will be entered into by motion for the following subjects as permitted by law: (1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the District; (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided that the person may request a public discussion; (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential; (4) matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure. Motions to go into executive session should specify the subject of the proposed executive session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in private. Reference: AS 44.62.310 and Board Policy 264, D.

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RESOLUTION 2016-05:

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples have occupied the land that now constitutes the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the existence of the borough would not be possible; and

WHEREAS, students of Indigenous Peoples' heritage comprise more than 18 percent of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's student body; and

WHEREAS, over fifty teachers of Indigenous Peoples' heritage distinguish themselves as educators in Fairbanks North Star Borough School District classrooms; and

WHEREAS, principals of Indigenous Peoples' heritage have led their schools with vision; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples have served the school board with distinction; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, skills, and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous People in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of exacerbating disproportionate educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our regions indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977, by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, representing 59 Tribes from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California, Western Montana, and some Alaskan Tribes, passed resolution #11-57 to "Support to Change Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October) to Indigenous Peoples' Day";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education proclaims the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day and encourages schools and teachers to honor it with performances, readings, guest speakers, displays, lessons, lectures, and cultural celebrations. Assistance with resources are available through the Alaska Native Education Department.

Passed and Approved:

Heidi Haas, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:

Sharon Tuttle
Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

