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Hello Minnesota Transition Charter School Families!

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Coya Night Pipe, your Indigenous Education Coordinator at Minnesota Transitions Charter School. I am pleased to be working closely with the Minnesota State Department of Education/Indian Education office to ensure we build a program supporting our Indigenous families.

A little more about me. I have a dual role here in the district. I am the Administrative Assistant at MTS Secondary school. Prior to working at MTS, my career started in Rapid City, South Dakota as an Instructional Assistant in an Elementary school tutoring American Indian students. In Rapid City, I also served as an Administrative Assistant to the Indian Education program, in addition to serving twenty years in the Office of Human Resources. Working in education my entire career has given me knowledge and experience working with American Indian programs and initiatives and with Indian communities, students and parents.

I would like to invite you, parents/guardians/caregivers, to join our American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC). As a member of the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) we value your input and opinion in your student's education. Please review the Minnesota Department of Indian Education's website regarding the [American Indian Parent Advisory Committee \(AIPAC\) section](#). Also, please read the [American Indian Grant Aid Application \(Program Goals and Objectives\)](#) from the 2022-2023 school year. We will be writing new goals for the upcoming year and need your input in the program goals and learning objectives for the year. I understand how busy life can be however, your commitment to attending a monthly one-hour AIPAC meeting would be highly beneficial to us and your student's learning. We also recommend volunteering at school events and most importantly, to encourage and motivate your student(s) to succeed. Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. virtually. Here is the meeting [link](#).

Please reach out with any suggestions or questions you may have. I look forward to hearing from you and I am excited to work with you and your student(s).

Pilamáyaye, Miigwech, Thank You,
Coya Night Pipe
Sicąŋgu Lakota Oyate
Mitákuye Oyás'įh. We are all related.

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