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TO: First Nations Families

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FROM: Melissa Murray
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RE: Native American Education Grant (Title VI) and Student Programming

Welcome to a new school year! Let me introduce myself to you. I am Melissa Murray, Supervisor of the Cultural & Family Connections program for the school district and also Principal at Lincoln Middle School. I am starting my 6th year in the District and am happy so serve our families in partnership with the Ho-Chunk Nation on the Title VI grant.

Through the Title VI grant, the district is able to provide academic supports and other programs for our First Nations children through our contract with the Ho-Chunk Nation La Crosse Youth and Learning Center and their staff. Tutoring and after school programming is available at the Youth and Learning Center, and can also be provided to your child at school as the needs arise. I have very much appreciated working with the Youth & Learning Center staff over the past 6 years, and look forward to programming with them this year.

Attached to this informational letter are some forms for you to consider completing for the beginning of the school year. The first is a Federal 506 form. A 506 form is only required in the school district ONE time during a student's enrollment, preschool through graduation. It does not need to be completed each year. This form provides the school district with information about the Native American tribes represented in the district, and the number of enrolled students within the district. The enrolled student numbers are the basis for the grant funds that come to the district for Title VI programs. The 506 form also guarantees services for your children provided through the contract with the Ho-Chunk Nation if you have a different tribal affiliation. Also included is a Youth and Learning Center enrollment form. Any families who wish their child to attend after school programs at the Youth & Learning Center, or have tutoring at school, need to have a Youth and Learning Center enrollment form completed each year.

If you are unsure if you have a 506 form on file, please contact me at Lincoln Middle School, 608-789-7780. All completed forms can be returned to your child's school.

Again, welcome to a new school year. Feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to an opportunity to meet you and your family.