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Dear Parents of American Indian/Alaska Native students,

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) will apply for Title VI Program funds to provide supplemental instructional services to American Indian/Alaska Native students. The following is a brief description of the **Title VI, American Indian Education Program** vision and purpose:

1. Meet the unique educational and culturally diverse academic needs of American Indian students.
2. Ensure that American Indian students gain knowledge and understanding of Native communities, languages, tribal histories, traditions, and cultures.
3. Ensure that teachers, principals, other school leaders, and other staff who serve American Indian students are equipped to provide culturally appropriate and effective instruction and support.

Your child might be eligible to receive services under the Title VI American Indian Education Program. Children are eligible to receive services if they meet the definition of “American Indian” as defined in section 6101 of *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* and have completed the ED 506 Indian Student Eligibility Certification Form. American Indian is defined in section 6151 of the ESSA as an individual who is:

1. A member of an Indian Tribe or Band, as membership is defined by the Indian Tribe or Band, including any Tribe or Band terminated since 1940, and any Tribe or Band recognized by the State in which the Tribe or Band resides;
2. A descendant of a parent or grandparent who meets the requirements described in item (1) of this definition;
3. Considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an American Indian for any purpose;
4. An Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native; or
5. A member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the Indian Education Act of 1988 as it was in effect on October 19, 1994.

If your child meets any of the eligibility requirements above, please complete the enclosed ED 506 Indian Student Eligibility Certification Form and return to your child’s school.

Parents are instrumental partners in supporting the vision and purpose of Title VI. We look forward to your child’s participation in the Title VI American Indian/Alaskan Native Education Program. Please contact Karmin Mendoza Hidalgo, Title VI Coordinator, at [karmin.mendoza@lausd.net](mailto:karmin.mendoza@lausd.net), or 213-241-7067 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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