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Dear Parents and Tribal Officials,

Attached you will find a copy of the 2020 Impact Aid Application that was submitted to the federal government in January 2019 by the school district.

Impact Aid is money paid by the federal government to school districts to make up for lost property taxes to schools when the government has taken land to use for Native American lands, military bases, or other use. The Impact Aid program has been in place since 1950 when President Truman recognized that the federal government owned lands which were not taxable by local governments, leaving school districts at a financial disadvantage. Impact Aid, therefore, replaces lost property taxes.

Currently, our school district uses the Impact Aid funds for staffing at Diamond Valley Elementary School. The grant funds the Principal salary and we are happy to report that as of September 30, 2019 it also funds the Community / Native Liaison position.

A public hearing is held each year during the October board meeting for the community to provide input to the school board regarding Native American students' participation in District programs. The participation data is on page two of this letter.

A second public hearing to comply with revised federal regulations will be held during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Alpine County Unified School District Board of Trustees on December 10, 2019. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Annex located on the District site.

It is our intent to provide Tribal officials and parents/guardians of Native American children the opportunity to comment on the participation and achievement of Native American children on an equal basis in all programs and activities offered by the Alpine County Unified School District. We welcome and appreciate your comments so we can ensure to provide an equal and quality education for all students.

We invite all interested parents to attend the board meeting, and I will remain available to answer any questions concerning this process before, during, or after the Board meeting. You may also contact me at (530) 694-2230 should you have any questions.

Participation of Native American Students in School and District Programs

The table below shows the percent participation of Native American students in Alpine County Unified School District's schools and programs.

School/Program	% Native American Participation	School Year
Diamond Valley Elementary	60.6%	2019-20
Opportunity School	0%	2019-20
After School Program	51.5%	2019-20
Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) or Advanced Learner	100% *All students participate in STEAM	2019-20
Special education	90%	2019-20
Free/reduced lunch	78%	2019-20
Associated Student Body Council	42.9%	2019-20
Cross country	33.3%	2019-20
Cross country	35.18%	2018-19
Track and field	37.5%	2018-19
Track and field	25.00%	2017-18
Girls Volleyball	37.5%	2018-19
Girls volleyball	There was no volleyball program during this school year	2017-18
Preschool	66.66%	2019-20
Preschool	66.66%	2018-19
Intervention pull out: afternoon English Language Arts and Math	Changed Intervention Model – no classroom pullout	2019-20
Intervention in-class: English Language Arts and Math	Embedded in every grade level schedule 100% of all students participate	2019-20

These percentages may be useful for providing comments to the Board at the Impact Aid public hearing regarding equal participation of Native American Students in District programs.