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INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL FALL 2005 ANNUAL DATA COLLECTION SUMMARY



This summary reflects the responses from 851 schools in October 2005 regarding Indian Education for All. There are 3 schools, all part of the same district, who did not respond to this survey.

- A. Does your district have a board approved policy on the implementation of MCA 20-1-501, Indian Education for All?
- Yes – 688 (81%)
 - No – 163 (19%)
 - On last year's survey, 630 schools (73%) said yes and 236 (27%) said no.
- B. On a scale of low-medium-high, rate your administrator(s)' knowledge of MCA 20-1-501, Indian Education for All?
- Low – 72 (9%)
 - Medium – 564 (66%)
 - High – 215 (25%)
- C. Do you celebrate American Indian Heritage Day (the fourth Friday in September)?
- Yes – 687 (81%)
 - No – 164 (19%)
 - On last year's survey, 584 schools (67%) indicated they celebrated and 282 (33%) indicated they did not.
- D. Check the top three curriculum areas in which you see Indian education content best fitting within your school's curriculum.
- Arts – 786 (92%)
 - Career and Vocational/Technical Education – 34 (4%)
 - Communications Arts – 690 (81%)
 - Health Enhancement – 45 (5%)
 - Library Media – 624 (73%)
 - Mathematics – 17 (2%)
 - Science – 118 (14%)
 - Technology – 50 (6%)
 - Workplace Competencies – 16 (2%)
 - World Languages – 173 (20%)

E. Is staff provided with inservice specifically for Indian Education for All?

- Yes – 342 (40%)
- No – 509 (60%)
- On last year’s survey 284 schools (33%) said yes and 582 (67%) said no

F. On a scale of low-medium-high, rate your teachers’ overall background knowledge of each topic.

- Montana American Indian Contemporary Issues
 - Low – 241 (28%)
 - Medium – 524 (62%)
 - High – 86 (10%)
- Montana American Indian History
 - Low – 97 (11%)
 - Medium – 626 (74%)
 - High – 128 (15%)
- Montana American Indian Government Structures and Sovereignty
 - Low – 429 (50%)
 - Medium – 392 (46%)
 - High – 30 (4%)
- Montana American Indian Treaties and Federal Policies
 - Low – 484 (57%)
 - Medium – 349 (41%)
 - High – 18 (2%)
- Montana American Indian Arts and Literature
 - Low – 166 (20%)
 - Medium – 564 (66%)
 - High – 121 (14%)

G. To effectively implement Indian Education for All, what do you see as your greatest need? The schools rated this on a scale of 1-4. Three hundred forty schools, or 40% of the total, indicated teacher training as the number one need. However, when weighted and added together for a final score, the following needs are ranked as follows:

	<i>Score</i>
1) Materials	2427
2) Teacher Training	2380
3) Sample Lessons	2236
4) Presenters	1467