

# Red Lake Nation College



# AGENDA



- **RLNC Mission, Purpose & Goals**
- **Access & Transformational Change**
- **RLNC Progress**
- **Ease of Transfer**
- **Funding Injustice & Inequity**

# RLNC MISSION & PURPOSE

- *“To provide excellent higher education grounded in the language & culture of the Red Lake Nation.”*
- ***“WE’RE IN THE PEOPLE BUSINESS”***
- *TO BUILD PEOPLE UP*
- *TO BUILD ACADEMIC SKILLS*



# **“LACK OF ACCESS” TO HIGHER EDUCATION**

- **Reservation access is not like the rest of the USA.**
- Market Study in Red Lake in 2010.
- **“Lack of Access” & “Equity “** in higher ed. is key.
- **“EDUCATIONAL CANYON” EXISTS. NOT A GAP.**



# TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

- To fill this canyon, we need everything! Red Lake Nation College is “A Great Place to Start!”
- To educate & provide entire support system.
- To instill pride in being Native.

Vision: Prepare students for bachelor's, master's and beyond, not just 2 years.



# RLNC PROGRESS

- Too important to fail!    “Family College”.
- Just like the State of Minnesota would never let the U of M fail, Tribes can't let Tribal Colleges fail!    Educational Sovereignty!
- 10 Year Plan? No, we have 100 year plans! Seven Generations.
- But we still need some state help.

# RLNC PROGRESS

- **Success Stories:**
- HLC 10 Yr. Accreditation Process in 2010 - 2/24/21!
- 21st Century, \$11.4M Campus in 2015.
- All - PhD and Master's Degree Instructors.
- Candidate Status now, Full Accreditation on 2/24/21
- Meet all MN OHE, Fin. Aid & Fed. Reporting req.
- Articulation Agreements w/ most MN 4 Yr. Schools.
- 160 Students in Fall 2019, 20+ grads/Yr./ 300 since 01'
- Liz Barrett, Dartmouth, Pre-Med student.
- **Biggest TC Threats: Limited & reduced Federal funds and reduced grant funding.**

# “BIG THREE”

- RED LAKE, LEECH LAKE & WHITE EARTH.  
MAKE UP 71% OF MN NATIVES!
- THIS IS 40K OF 56K MN NATIVES.
- RURAL BASED.

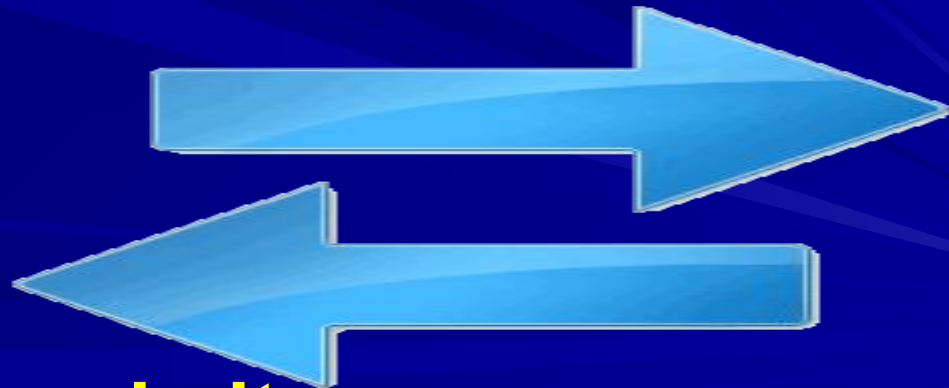


# RLNC PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Currently, we have BSU, U of M Crookston, and FDLTCC, and WETCC Transfer agreements
- We need to make “**EASE OF TRANSFER**” For RLNC credits to all U of M system schools.

**ALL MN STATE SCHOOLS** **(NO COST option)**

- **WHY?**
- **Close Gaps.**
- **U of M-Cr./Other States do it.**



# TRIBAL COLLEGE FUNDING INJUSTICE & INEQUITY

- **MN State Constitution says..... “no people shall be discriminated against based on race”**
- This is followed with **Non-Native Students who attend TC's in MN, TC's still get State funding for them!**
- However, **Natives who attend TC's in MN, TC's DO NOT GET ANY MN FUNDING! Great Injustice/Inequity!**
- **WHAT IF YOUR MN SCHOOL RECEIVED NO STATE \$'S? \$100K in 20'**
- **TCU's greatly underfunded - Feds.**



# TRIBAL COLLEGE FUNDING INJUSTICE & INEQUITY

- Tribal Colleges are OPEN TO PUBLIC BUT get no operational support from the State of MN even though ALL Natives are MN Residents, Dual Citizens, & pay all MN taxes. Exc: Lic./On rez. Inc.
- Despite Tribal Colleges providing the ONLY Higher Ed services on Indian reservations.
- Tribal Colleges are the ONLY colleges serving this UNIQUE NICHE market in Higher Ed.
- Working with Governor's office & Higher Ed Comm.



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