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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Indian Educators in Arizona  
**From:** Kimberly Daingkau-Begay, President, Arizona Indian Education Association  
**Subject:** AIEA Membership Drive

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On behalf the Arizona Indian Education Association (AIEA) Executive Board, I'd like to invite you to become a member of AIEA. The beginnings of AIEA occurred in 1979 when a group of concerned Indian parents and educators met with the Arizona Department of Education to discuss issues with late funding and to find ways to expedite the release of Johnson O'Malley funding. After the meeting, the group decided it was important to meet on a regular basis to share ideas, concerns, and positive activities implemented in the various school programs that help Indian students stay in school and achieve academically. The group grew to a statewide forum to discuss similar issues and eventually led to forming a non-profit organization called the Arizona Indian Education Association.

The work of the early founders of AIEA continues today through strong Executive Board leadership and those dedicated to improving the quality of education for Indian students in Arizona. The mission of AIEA is to develop educational strategies and activities consistent with Arizona's academic standards and to provide research and resources to Arizona schools for their American Indian students to achieve academic excellence through culturally responsive education.

Membership in AIEA supports our youth by adding value to their learning experiences through cultural awareness programs; by modeling support for our unique Indian Institutions; by creating a learning community to address needs; and by supporting professional development activities and/or trainings. In addition, members receive a significant discount at AIEA events and activities. Enclosed is a membership application form. Membership is for one year and begins November 1 to October 31.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following:

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Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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