



Greetings Families!

My name is Stephen Bell, I am a member of the Lumbee Tribe and the American Indian Education Coordinator for Guilford County Schools.

You are receiving this letter, because when your child(ren) registered with Guilford County Schools (GCS), you indicated that they are American Indian/Alaska Native. As the Indian Ed Coordinator, I work similar to a school counselor, but focused on our Native American students. I am here and the AIE program exists to ensure the academic, social and emotional wellbeing of your child(ren). To that end, here are some ways we support our Native American students and families:

- **Culture Classes/Activities:** We provide opportunities for students to engage in regular culture activities facilitated by Native community members.
- **Counseling and Mentoring:** As Native people, there is strength in community and being with our people. Culturally relevant counseling shows to increase self-esteem, mental health, and confidence.
- **College and Career Readiness:** We work with our High School to work on college/career planning, coordinate college tours, and assist with financial aid and tribal enrollment processes.
- **Family Advocacy and Support:** We work to help American Indian families navigate a number of stressors and/or get connected to others who can help to resolve the issue.
- **Classroom/District Equity Initiatives:** Through sharing resources, facilitating training, and teaching lessons, we are available to collaborate with teachers and staff to support the education of all students.

Because the AIE program is supported by a federal grant (Title VI-Indian Education Program), I am **REQUIRED** to have a completed Federal 506 Eligibility Certification form (attached) on file for your child(ren). I use this form to compile data on Native students as required by the Title VI grant. Participation is completely voluntarily but would love to have you and your family a part of our program! As a Native person who grew up in Greensboro, I know how isolating it can feel sometimes.

Complete the form by filling out the 506 form (on back) or digitally at our website (<https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/29594>). Upon completion, please submit to me via email (bells2@gcsnc.com) or by mail Stephen Bell 120 Franklin Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27401. 506 Form **MUST** include Tribal Membership/enrollment number (of child, parent, or grandparent) or identification on birth certificate as American Indian. I recognize this is a barrier for many so let me know how I can assist!

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at bells2@gcsnc.com or 336-370-3284 or my cell 336-894-9947. If you received this notice in error, please contact the data manager at your child(ren)'s school to have the coding corrected. Stay safe and talk to you soon!

Sincerely,

Stephen Bell (Lumbee)
American Indian Education Coordinator
Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

ED 506 Form
Indian Student Eligibility Certification Form for Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant Program

Parent/Guardian: This form serves as the official record of the eligibility determination for each individual child included in the student count for the Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant Program. If you choose to submit a form, your child could be counted for funding under the program. The grantee receives the grant funds based on the number of eligible forms counted during the established count period. You are not required to complete or submit this form unless you wish for your child(ren) to be included in the Indian student count. This form should be kept on file with the grant applicant and will not need to be completed every year. Where applicable, the information contained in this form may be released with your prior written consent or the prior written consent of an eligible student (aged 18 or over), or if otherwise authorized by law, if doing so would be permissible under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and any applicable state or local confidentiality requirements.

Student Information

Name of the Child _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade level _____

Name of School _____ School District _____

Tribal MembershipThe individual with Tribal membership is the (select only one): ☐ child ☐ child's parent ☐ child's grandparentIf the individual with Tribal membership is **not** the child listed above, name the individual (parent/grandparent) with tribal membership: _____Name and address of Tribe or Band that maintains updated and accurate membership data for the individual listed above: _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

The Tribe or Band is (select only one):

- ☐ Federally Recognized Tribe
- ☐ State Recognized Tribe
- ☐ Terminated Tribe
- ☐ Alaska Native
- ☐ Member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the Indian Education Act of 1988 as it was in effect October 19, 1994.

Proof of membership in Tribe or Band listed above, as defined by Tribe or Band is:

- ☐ Membership or enrollment number establishing membership (if readily available) or
- ☐ Other evidence establishing membership in the Tribe listed above (describe and attach)

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Attestation Statement

I verify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Signature _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____ Date _____