

Appendix A: Letter of Intent

This letter of intent (LOI) will provide formal notice to the School Development Team in Denver Public Schools regarding an applicant's intention to submit a new school proposal for the 2019-20 school year.

The information presented in the LOI is non-binding.

Proposed School Name:	American Indian Academy of Denver
Grade Configuration:	Grade 6 @ launch/Grades 6-12 @ full enrollment
Model or Focus:	Indigenous STEAM
Primary Contact Person:	Terri Bissonette
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Email:	terribissonette@gmail.com
Region and Neighborhood:	SW Denver
Proposed Leader (if known):	Terri Bissonette, EdD
Replication:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contract with Third Party Service Provider:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Enrollment Projections: *Provide additional rows and columns if necessary.*

GRADES	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
6	70	70	70	70	70
7		70	70	70	70
8			70	70	70
9				70	70
10					70
Total # students	70	140	210	280	350
	FRL %		SPED %		ELL %
Proposed Demographics	90%		11%		49%
Mission of School:	Our mission is to collaborate with students, educators, families, and community members in creating a safe school where indigenous principles and knowledge are placed in a 21 st century curriculum to prepare all students to be college, career, and life ready.				
Provide a brief overview of the education program of the proposed school:	The American Indian Academy of Denver (AIAD) is a community-based school that will prepare students to be college and career ready by incorporating indigenous cultural strengths within a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) curriculum. Our students will experience rigorous, hands-on, relevant learning opportunities in a collaborative environment that supports their individual abilities, interests, and choices. Our students will be supported holistically, secure in their				

	cultural identity, empowered to become community leaders, and prepared to excel in life
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Charter Schools only: Complete the following table to list Board members for the school at this time.

Name	Current Professional Title and Organization	Board Role	Focus/Expertise
Tanksi Clairmont	Tribal Working Groups Coordinator, National Conference of State Legislators	TBD	Community Engagement; Parent Involvement; Fundraising; Education
Kelley Mitchell	Program Coordinator, American Indian College Fund	TBD	Higher Ed Engagement; Native American Art History, Community Engagement; Education
Donna Chrisjohn	Legal Assistant, Spencer Fane LLP	TBD	Law; Public Relations; Community Engagement; Parent Involvement; Fundraising; Education
Shannon Subryan	Manager, Starbucks	TBD	Parent Involvement; Community Engagement; Fundraising