



Intent to Submit a Charter School Application (for School Opening 2026)

Proposed Charter School Name: Wabanaki High School

Proposed School Location: University of Maine at Machias

Proposed Grade Levels: 9-12

Target Population: The four federally recognized tribes of Maine: the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribes, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs.

Anticipated First Year Enrollment and Projected Targeted Enrollment: We plan to open Wabanaki High School in Fall 2026 with an initial cohort of 50 students in grades 9-12, growing by another 50 students for the following year to serve 100 students in grades 9-12 by 2028. Through our unique educational and cultural model, Wabanaki High School will fulfill the Commission's mission of providing an excellent, equitable and community-responsive public-school option that empowers historically underserved students.

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Relationship to Applicant Entity: Superintendent of Maine Indian Education

Name of Applicant Organization: Maine Indian Education District

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School Program Design (150 words or less): *Include a brief description including any anticipated contracts with an Education Service Provider (ESP).*

Wabanaki High School will serve Native American students from Maine's Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot Tribes. The school will provide a culturally relevant, academically rigorous secondary education to prepare students for success in college and careers. Key program elements will include Native language and culture classes, project-based learning, STEM education with a focus on environmental science and sustainability, and extensive community partnerships to provide mentorship, internships, and dual enrollment opportunities for students. The school plans to contract with the Bureau of Indian Education for select administrative functions as an Education Service Provider. Wabanaki High School will empower Native youth with the knowledge, skills, and cultural pride to become the next generation of leaders for their Tribes and communities.

This indicates our intention to submit an application in response to the RFP issued by the Maine Charter School Commission. I understand this document is not part of the application, but that I must provide this document to the Commission within 15 days of the issue of the RFP if I wish to submit an application.

Signature: 

Date: July 11, 2024

If different than Contact Person, please print name: _____