

## ***"Anishinabe Leadership, Education, Diplomacy"***

**Cross cultural communications between American Indian parents and students with various educational and governmental agencies needs to improve. It must lead to mutual understanding and collaborative efforts, which effectively meet the educational needs of our Native students. A lack of communication and/or miscommunication throughout history about the educational needs of Native people, coupled with tactics aimed at gaining strategic advantage over American Indians has crippled our communities throughout Turtle Island. Today we need to learn the fine art of diplomacy as we seek to create mutual solutions to improve the low graduation rate of American Indian youth, to set goals for the educational advancement of American Indian students and to improve our educational decision making, which will impact the future leaders of our tribal nations.**

