

**PRE-CONFERENCE “A” FUNDING SESSION  
44th ANNUAL LAKOTA NATIONS EDUCATION CONFERENCE  
RAMKOTA INN – RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
WASHINGTON ROOM  
DECEMBER 12, 2023 @ 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**Purpose:** *To offer specific information to better serve the educational needs of all students.*

9:00 AM	<b>Overview &amp; Introductions</b>  <b>Welcome</b>  <b>Spiritual Blessing</b>	Maurice Twiss Terrie Jo Gibbons
9:15 AM	<b>Topic:</b>  <b>Content:</b>  <b>Presenters:</b>	Funding – Overview of Funding Programs for education of Native American Students. These funds include State basic, ISEP for Tribal and BIE schools, Impact Aid, Johnson O’Malley, School Infrastructure, Title VI- Indian Education, Title I, State and Bureau, College Support, other State and Federal, and Private Systems.  Proposed FY 2024 Funding Levels as proposed in House/Senate Appropriation Bills to date; Status of FY 2024 Interior and Education Appropriations; and Impact of a long-term Continuing Resolution should a final FY 2024 bill not be passed.  Mr. John Forkenbrock – Private Consultant – Washington DC/Iowa Deborah Bordeaux – Association of Community Tribal Schools (ACTS) Diana Cournoyer - Executive Director NIEA
12:00 Noon	<i><b>Lunch is Provided by Stronghold Education Development and served in the Washington Room.</b></i>	
1:00 PM	<b>Topic:</b>  <b>Content:</b>  <b>Presenters</b>	School Housing for Tribal and State Schools, Native operated schools, Bonds, Charter Schools, American Indian College, Funding, Tuition for Native American students.  The funding process, the responsibility of (B.I.E., Tribal, Schools), and Evaluations.  John Forkenbrock  Christopher Bordeaux Executive Director OSEC Sherry Johnson Tribal Ed Director-Wahpeton
2:15 PM	<b>Topic:</b>  <b>Presenters:</b>	Political Overview of Educational Funding for Schools  Representatives from Senators John Thune’s Office, Senator Mike Round’s office, and Representative Dusty Johnson’s office
2:45 PM	<b>Topic:</b>  <b>Content:</b>	Overview John Forkenbrock  The year ahead – What’s our strategy to insure funding increases in an election year?
3:15 PM	<b>Topic:</b>	Wrap-Up Questions
4:00 PM	<b>Complete</b>	