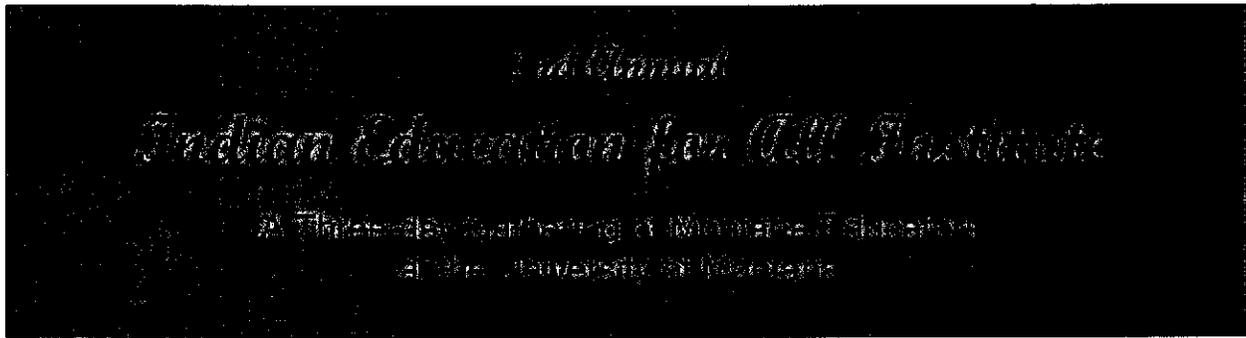


Indian Education for All Institute 2005 (June 13-15, 2005)

Planning is currently underway for the second annual Indian Education for All Institute. Last June, the first institute was held in Polson. It consisted of a one-day *Essential Understandings* seminar. This year, the institute will consist of a repeat of the *Essential Understandings* seminar on Monday (June 13), followed by a two-day "Critical Literacy and MCA 20-1-501" conference on June 14 and 15. The *EU* seminar is a prerequisite for attendance at the critical literacy conference, but teachers and administrators who attended last year do not need to attend the one-day *EU* seminar again.

Institute 2005 will be a state-wide conference, so it is moving to the third-floor conference center in the UC at UM. A number of agencies are involved in planning this event: the Montana Office of Public Instruction, the Native American Studies Department and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Montana, Arlee Public Schools, Polson Public Schools, Ronan Public Schools, and St. Ignatius Public Schools. As a three-day conference, it will also be optional for participants to register for UM graduate credits. Bill Bigelow, from *Re-thinking Schools* and author of "Discovering Columbus," has at this time already agreed to be a presenter and keynote speaker. Lisa Delpit (from Florida International University and author of *Other People's Children*) and Herbert Kohl (from San Francisco University and author of *I Won't Learn from You and Should We Burn Babar?*) have also been contacted. Like Bill Bigelow, they have been involved with the national Rethinking Schools project.

More information regarding this conference (and a schedule of sessions) will be available at a later date. Registration forms should be available online in March. There will be a modest registration fee for teachers attending the conference. Entertainment on Tuesday evening at the UC is also being planned. For more information, please contact the Montana Office of Public Instruction.



Essential Understandings

SEMINAR

June 13, 2005

The seminar focuses on analysis and application of *Essential Understandings about Montana Indians*, a document drafted by educators from across the state.

The *Essential Understandings* Seminar incorporates five strands:

- a. Primary grade teachers;
- b. Intermediate grade teachers;
- c. Middle school teachers
- d. High school teachers; and
- e. Administrators and curriculum coordinators.

Critical Literacy and MCA 20-1-501

June 14 & 15, 2005

(Prior participation in the *Essential Understandings* Seminar is a prerequisite.)

Invited speakers: Bill Bigelow and Herbert Kohl

Strand 1 -- Developing Language, Literacy, and Critical Literacy
(Elementary Grades)

Strand 2 -- Critiquing Textbooks for Content and Contexts
(Middle School and High School Social Studies)

Strand 3 -- Critical Literacy in the Language Arts: Looking for Signs
(Middle School and High School Language Arts)

Strand 4 -- Envisioning *Indian Education for All*: Pre-K to Higher Ed
(Administration, Curriculum Development, and Higher Ed)

This institute addresses the intent of Indian Education for All (MCA 20-1-501) legislation.

Registration materials will be available March 2005.

Sponsoring agencies:

Office of Public Instruction
University of Montana

Arlee Schools
Polson Schools

Ronan Schools
St. Ignatius Schools