



The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

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NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN BOARDING SCHOOL HEALING COALITION ANNOUNCES TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND RECEIVES \$10M GRANT

Minneapolis, Minn. – The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) announces the commencement of a ten-year strategic plan (2020-2030) designed to strengthen the organization as it continues to grow into the future. In its first few years of execution, the plan will be supported through a \$10M grant recently awarded to NABS by the Keneda Fund.

The strategic planning process took more than six months to complete and involved a variety of key stakeholders, including Indian boarding school survivors and their descendants, NABS board members and staff, consultants from across the U.S. and leaders from the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The plan was finalized earlier this year at a three-day Leadership Planning Summit near the former boarding school in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and was later adopted by NABS's board of directors.

The new plan consists of four strategic pillars focusing the organization's work in global advocacy, healing values and practices, organizational infrastructure and education; a number of positive outcomes are expected for each. These include establishing a national truth and healing center, developing curriculum, producing a documentary series, creating a national digital archive and issuing policy statements that support the work of tribes and other agencies related to boarding schools.

“We are extremely grateful for this fortuitous opportunity to grow NABS's operational capacity, programs, and staff. We know that NABS's work is not only supported by donors and funders, but by the prayers of thousands of children who experienced Indian boarding schools. While preparing to launch into our 10-year plan and eventually open a National Center for Boarding School Truth and Healing, we remain humbled yet very excited and ready to pursue our mission

and bring truth, healing, and justice to boarding school survivors and descendants,” said Christine Diindiisi McCleave (Turtle Mountain Ojibwe), Executive Director of NABS.

The execution of the plan is supported, in part, by the generosity of the Kendeda Fund, whose \$10M grant to NABS will contribute to continued organizational growth and successful program development.

“The Kendeda Fund is honored to help advance the important work of The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition,” said Kendeda Fund advisor Tim Stevens. “We look forward to NABS continued growth and emergence as a powerful, national voice and healing force for Boarding School survivors and their loved ones.”

NABS is set to begin implementing the plan in this new calendar year and will continue to pursue current and ongoing programming.

To learn more about the strategic plan, or to read the plan in its entirety, go to the NABS website at www.boardingschoolhealing.org.

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The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) is a membership organization incorporated under the laws of the Navajo Nation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit that leads in the pursuit of understanding and addressing the ongoing trauma created by the United States Indian boarding school policy. NABS is committed to the work of education, advocacy and healing while supporting Indian boarding school survivors, descendants and allies. Learn more at www.boardingschoolhealing.org.

The Kendeda Fund is a private grant maker that supports the dignity of individuals and the sustainability of communities through investments in transformative leaders and ideas. Founded in 1993 and based in Atlanta, Ga., the Fund has made more than \$700 million in grants. In 2013, the Fund began a focused 10-year spend out across all of its core programs, with the goal of developing new pathways to solve seemingly intractable problems, supporting transformative leaders, and advancing solutions that benefit people and planet. Learn more at www.kendeda.org or on Twitter @KendedaFund.