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To: Senator Rod Monroe, Co-Chair  
Representative Barbara Smith-Warner, Co-Chair  
Ways and Means Education Subcommittee

From: Cindy Hunt, Government and Legal Affairs Manager

RE: Follow Up from June 20<sup>th</sup> SB 13 presentation

We are pleased to provide you with follow-up information to questions posed by the committee and LFO staff, posed at the SB 13 hearing on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **1. Which tribes have already developed curriculum?**

The objective in the American Indian Alaska Native Education Plan is a K-12 curriculum. “Every school district in Oregon implements (K-12) historically accurate, culturally embedded, place-based, contemporary, and developmentally appropriate AI/AN curriculum, assessment tools, and instructional materials that are developed in collaboration with local tribes and are aligned with the Common Core State Standards and state standards.” It is ODE’s hope to catch up with the efforts of many of our neighboring states of Montana, Washington, Alaska, and Idaho. None of the 9 federally recognized Oregon tribes has a complete K-12 curriculum. Grand Ronde and Umatilla have curriculum for some grades. Siletz and Warm Springs have curriculum but it’s in their native language (for their language program). Cow Creek and Siletz are developing curriculum but it is not completed.

Please note funding also includes ODE creating curriculum which will include an overview of Oregon’s Tribes. Should individuals wish to review a couple other states curriculum: Washington <http://www.indian-ed.org/> and Montana <http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/IndianEd/Curric.html> .

## **2. Will the teacher and administrator professional development cover all educators?**

ODE will work with the 19 ESD’s to offer PD for ODE’s Oregon Tribes curriculum. We will be using the train the trainer model. ODE will create an online training which will be made available to all educators. ODE recognizes the PD will continue beyond the two years prior to the requirement for districts to incorporate the curriculum and has begun creating a list of

potential trainers to assist in ensuring all school districts receive the necessary training across the state.

**3. Could Oregon use the educational materials available through the Khan Academy to achieve the objectives of SB 13?**

No. The Khan Academy currently only offers educational materials related to the Cherokee Tribe and does not include curriculum related to Oregon tribes.