

# Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaadiwin

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Dear kind community entity,

ISD 318 Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaadiwin program (Ojibwe Education) would like to host a Native American pow-wow exhibition along with a float for the Tall Timber Days in Grand Rapids, MN. This event takes place the first weekend in August. This year those dates are August 4th, 5th and 6th, 2023. This event is embraced by the community, and our programming thinks this would be a great time to offer teachings of our beautiful culture for others to understand.

Our programming has made huge strides within all of our ISD 318 schools, we are bringing awareness everyday to the different language and culture we hold dear to our hearts. To hear students speak words in Ojibwe walking down the hallway, to having students enjoy the comforts of our Ojibwe education room for conversations about their days, we are open to all and bring awareness to all.

Over a decade ago, I had a float in the parade and shared our wonderful culture with everyone. During this time we were met with negativity, I embraced my children to be strong enough to endure the negative, to be the positive for others. Our community has now moved forward from a lot of these outbursts through education and awareness, and our program is at a point in time we are ready to share with the community the beauty that lies within the Ojibwe culture.

With this being said, our dance troupe is asking for monetary donations to cover the expenses of putting on an exhibition pow-wow. There are the costs of sound system, honorarium for the drum group, honorarium for the dancers, and the MC for the exhibition. If you are interested or willing to donate please contact [Jessica Bobrowski](mailto:jbobrowski@isd318.org) at 218-259-6556 or [jbobrowski@isd318.org](mailto:jbobrowski@isd318.org)

Sincerely,

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