



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government
Office of the Chief Executive*

October 1, 2024

Via E-mail

Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly
Carolyn Beaulieu, District I Representative
Wendy Merrill, District II Representative
Harry Davis, District III Representative

Re: Nomination of Raina Killspotted as Commissioner of Education

Dear Band Assembly:

Under 4 MLBS §§ 5 and 6(b), I hereby nominate **Raina Killspotted** to serve as the Band's Commissioner of Education for a term ending June 30, 2025. With a deep understanding of Ojibwe culture, a passion for education, and extensive experience in tribal government, Raina embodies the qualities and skills necessary to excel in this vital role. I therefore wholeheartedly recommend her to receive this step up in responsibility.

As the Band's current Executive Director of Education, Raina has demonstrated exceptional leadership and a firm commitment to fostering educational growth for all Band children. She has been instrumental in supporting programs that nurture students from early childhood through post-secondary education, always with an emphasis on creating a safe, inclusive, and culturally grounded learning environment. Her dedication to student well-being and success is unwavering.

Raina is known for her strong communication and organizational abilities, as well as her collaborative spirit. She excels in working as part of a team while also demonstrating initiative as a self-starter. Raina has significant experience supervising staff, applying employee policies and procedures, and driving the success of various educational programs.

Throughout her career, Raina has shown a deep commitment to the well-being of Band children, ensuring that each student's unique needs are recognized and addressed. She understands the importance of education as a foundation for personal and community growth and has worked tirelessly to uphold these values.

In addition to her qualifications and professional experience, Raina is a dedicated learner, well-spoken, humble, and personable. These attributes, combined with her deep cultural knowledge and support for educational initiatives, make her an ideal candidate for the role of Commissioner of Education. In my three months in office, I have also been very impressed by Raina's ability, passion, and willingness to lead her department in the absence of a Commissioner.

I am confident that Raina will continue to make meaningful contributions to the education of Band children and help steer the Band's educational division to even greater success.

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Please contact me directly if you have any questions or comments. I have also enclosed Raina's resume in order to comply with Legislative Order 37-22. When a confirmation hearing is scheduled, please inform my office of the date as I would appreciate the opportunity to attend.

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Virgil Wind
Chief Executive

CC:

Darcie Big Bear, Parliamentarian/Clerk of the Band Assembly
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel
Caleb Dogeagle, Solicitor General

Enclosure:

1. Raina Killspotted's Resume