



*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*

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

*Via E-mail*

January 9, 2026

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

Re: Appropriation and Budget Revision Requests

Aaniin. In the absence of an Administration Policy Board quorum, I am writing to request the following appropriations and budget revision as follows:

1. **Education:** An appropriation of Federal Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$425,320.00, for Title 1 (203-3230). These funds will be used to pay salaries for support staff such as the School Nurse and Social Worker. (Enclosure #1)
2. **Education:** An appropriation of Federal Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$172,343.17 for Head Start - Federal (202-3500). These funds will be used to continue the delivery of high-quality Early Education programming to eligible children within the Band's Early Education Department. (Enclosure #2)
3. **Education:** An appropriation of Federal Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$389,076.17 for Early Head Start (202-3570). These funds will be used to continue the delivery of high-quality Early Education programming to eligible children within the Band's Early Education Department. (Enclosure #3)

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind", is written over a horizontal line.

Virgil Wind  
Chief Executive

CC:

**Letter from Chief Executive Virgil Wind to the Band Assembly**  
**Re: Appropriation and Budget Revision/Transfer Requests**  
**January 9, 2026**

Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education  
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel  
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian / Clerk of the Assembly  
Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for Title 1 (203-3230) (Dec. 10, 2025.)
2. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for Head Start – Federal (203-3500) (Dec. 10, 2025.)
3. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for Early Head Start (202-3570) (Dec. 10, 2025.)