



**UPDATE TO THE EDUCATION INTERIM BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**March 16, 2022**

**MONTANA INDIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PRESERVATION (MILP)**  
**INDIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM (ILIP)**

The OPI team directed by Don Wetzel has met with our tribal nations and recipients of grants. Our tribal colleges have been involved in the discussions and brainstorming on the work around language learners. In addition, the team has met with a variety of tribal members who are working on Language Immersion through tribal colleges, local schools for children. Stories have been shared of the work underway. Outreach to the historical society and work with their historians is also underway.

The MILP and Indian Language Immersion Program (ILIP) team is coordinating outreach, engaged in discussions of what is needed and why it is needed, with a diverse group of contributors. The OPI's senior team is supportive of integration efforts and the effort to bring MILP and ILIP efforts together.

Included in your materials is a flyer developed by team members and a summer of work efforts that are underway.

