Teresa Peterson, Ed.D. , *Upper Sioux Community*
with

Carly Bad Heart Bull, *Flandreau Santee,* Native Ways Federation
&
Jackie Statum Allen, Bush Foundation

# Introduction to
# Native American Education

# What do we hope to cover today?

**Intention:**

Introduction to Native American Education

Foundation to future sessions

Preparation for future site visits

**Agenda:**

Traditional Education

- Purpose, Approach, & Examples of teaching & learning

Colonial Education

- Purpose, Approach, & Outcomes

Reclaiming Indigenous Education

- Purpose, Approach, & Examples

Resource Sharing & Closing

To Be a Good Relative

# Informal teaching

Relations – Kinship Circle
- Wakanyeja (sacred being/child)
- Tiwahe, Tiospaye, Oyate (family, extended family, nation)

Doing – Family & Community
- Wowacinye (accountable/responsible to a role & purpose)
- Wacantohnaka (generosity)

# Formal Teaching

———

Ceremony
- Honor, recognize, celebrate, pray, heal
- Coming together as relatives

Storytelling
- Wico'oyake – history, narratives, stories
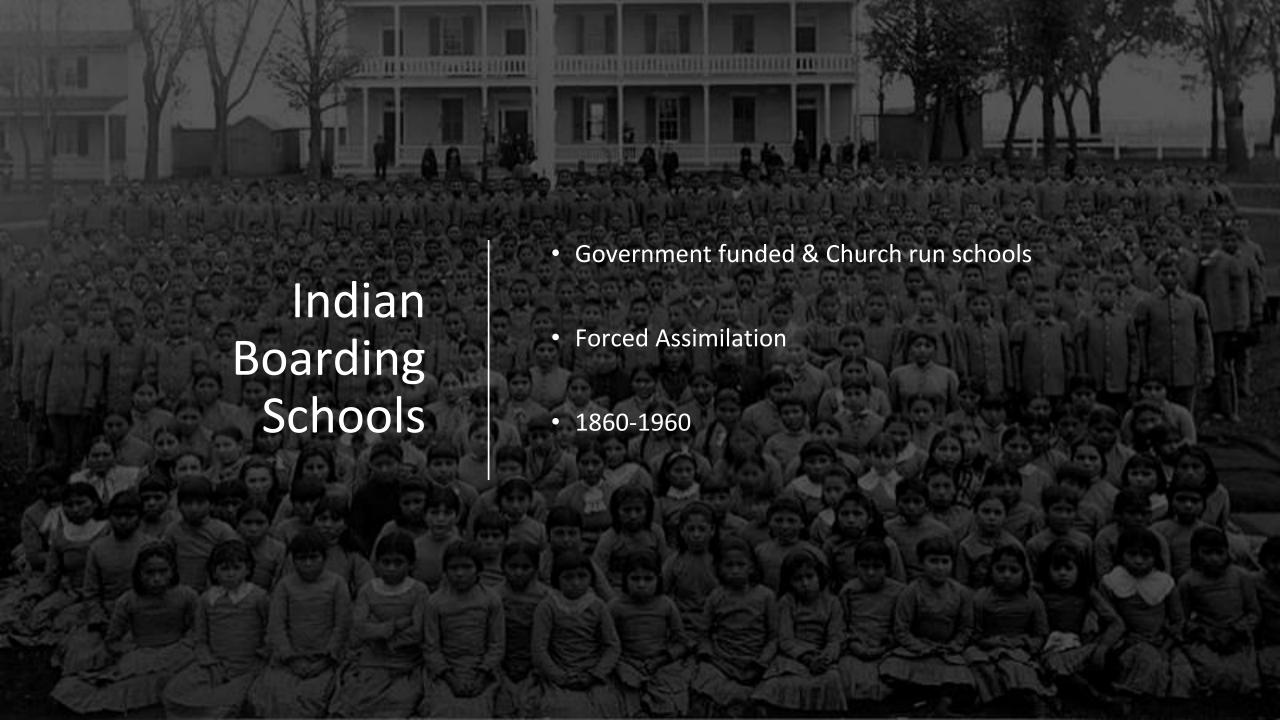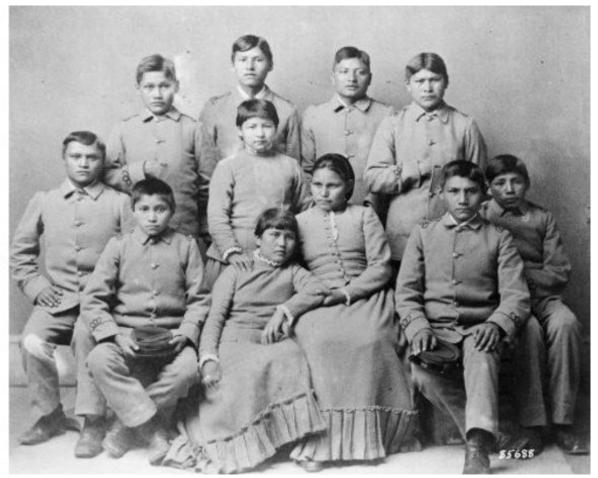- Hitunkankapi – tales, legends, myths

# Disruption of Traditional Way of Life

Government Actions & Policies of Genocide, Settler Colonialism, Forced Assimilation

- War, Removal
- Treaties & Reservations
- Land Allotments
- Missionaries – Christianize & Educate
- Blood Quantum
- Indian Boarding Schools

# Indian Boarding Schools

- Government funded & Church run schools

- Forced Assimilation

- 1860-1960

Kill the Indian, Save the Man!

Our schools have failed to nurture the intellectual development and academic performance of many Native children.

# Policy Shifts effecting Education of Native students

- Reorganizing
- 1934 Indian Reorganization Act
- 1934 Johnson O Malley Act

- Termination
- 1953 Public Law 280
- 1956 Indian Relocation Act
- 1957 Termination 100+ Tribes

# Self-determination

- 1968 Indian Civil Rights Act

- 1969 A National Tragedy, A National Challenge Senate Report

- 1972 Indian Education Act

- 1975 Indian Self-Determination & Education Assistance Act

- 1978 Indian Religious Freedom Act

- 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act

- 1990 Native American Languages Act

# Reclamation Era

- Native students are not the problem!

- Native defined, Native led, Native controlled

- Recognition - Federal Trust Responsibility

- Indian Parent Advisory Council

- Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act 2006

- 132/187 Tribally Controlled - Bureau of Indian Education Schools

# Models of Indigenous Education

- Indigenous-designed & defined-success
- Indigenous led
- Language & Cultural revitalization
- Intergenerational learning
- Indigenous values
- Community connections

# A Call to Action

*What is your commitment in supporting Native education?*