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Ahniwake Rose is the Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), the most inclusive Native education organization in the Country. NIEA advocates for educational excellence, opportunity, and equity for all American Indain, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students through active support of traditional Native cultures and values.

Prior to joining NIEA, Rose served as the Policy Director with the National Congress of American Indains, where she led its policy making efforts on education and health. She has also served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education working on implementation of Executive Order 13336, ensuring that Native students receive comprehensive, culturally based education.

Rose serves on the Governing Board for the Campaign on High School Equity and sits on the US Department of Education's Equity and Excellence Commission addressing funding inequity in our Nation's schools.

She is a member of the Cherokee Nation and also of Muscogee descent. Rose holds a MA in Health Communication.