

Laurie Harper

Curriculum Vitae



Work Experience:

Director of Education
Leech Lake Nation

President of the Board
Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA)

Education:

Certificate – Indigenous Education Leadership June, 2023
Kansas State University, PhD Certificate Course

Master of Public Affairs – Public Affairs Leadership 2025
Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus

Bachelor of Arts, Public Policy 2005
NAES College, Leech Lake Co-Hort

Associate of Arts, Business Administration & Entrepreneurship 1997
Leech Lake Tribal College

Community Involvement & Awards:

TRUTH Research Fellow, 2022, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

School Board Chairperson, Bug O Nay Ge Shig School 2018-2022

Swain Fellow, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus

DeCramer Fellow, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus

Shakopee Mdewakanton Scholar, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus

Native Nations Rebuilders Cohort 5, Bush Foundation, University of Arizona, Harvard Project on American Indians

Chairperson, St. Paul Public Schools American Indian Parent Advisory Committee, St. Paul, MN 2012-2015

Chairperson, St. Paul Public Schools' Local Indian Education Committee/JOM Committee, St. Paul, MN 2012-2015

Past Secretary/Treasurer for the Leech Lake Twin Cities Local Indian Council – community organization for Leech Lake Band Members and their families; served as liaison between the Leech Lake Tribal membership and the Leech Lake elected governing body

Lobbying at local, tribal, national, and state levels; grant writing and reporting; fund raising; strategic planning and development and implementation; federal grant reviewer