



**Diana Cournoyer, Interim Executive Director
National Indian Education Association**

Diana Cournoyer currently serves as the Interim Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association, leading a dedicated team of advocates to provide technical assistance, build tribal capacity and advance educational opportunity for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students across the nation. Diana worked on supporting the implementation and assessment of Common Core State Standards and the current College and Career Readiness Standards by supporting tribes and Native communities in their transition to culture-based educational practices. Her primary focus is to work closely with Native communities, organizations, and researchers to provide support for community/academic partnerships that affect local and national policy. Previously Diana worked with the Oglala Lakota College Graduate Studies Department to manage the Education Administration Professional Development Grant. Her work realigned the current education Administration curriculum and objectives with national and South Dakota State Educational standards.