

Laurie Harper serves the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as the Director of Education, which includes Early Childhood, Workforce Development and Youth Activities Programs. Laurie is responsible for leading the Tribal Education Division on the development of a Tribal Education Code and a comprehensive education plan. She has led the development on the Band's Policy on Tribal Consultation in Education. Laurie currently serves as the President of TEDNA (Tribal Education Departments National Association) and is also the Chairwoman of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Laurie also holds an appointment to the Tribal Nations Education Committee which is tasked as the liaison between the 11 Tribal Nations and the State of Minnesota with educational issues.