



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

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Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

RESOLUTION # 5-16-84-A

WHEREAS, The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, The Oneida Tribe is entrusted with the responsibility of providing educational opportunities for its members; and,

WHEREAS, The Oneida Head Start Program is an integral part of our education system; and,

WHEREAS, Head Start legislation will be considered for reauthorization this year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The the Oneida Tribe supports the following concerns.

I. The reauthorization of Head Start for a five (5) year period . . . (Reauthorization) . . . As in Senate Bill 2374, and House Bill 5145. Senate Bill 2565 would be a reauthorization for only three (3) years.

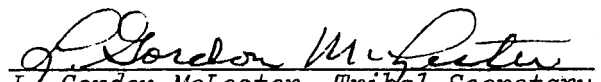
II. The placement of child nutrition monies into the Head Start reauthorization by transfer from USDA should be opposed. According to testimony of May 3, 1984 by Assistant Secretary Dorcas Hardy, S.2565 would include a transfer of \$80.4 million from USDA to Department of Health and Human Services to direct fund child nutrition. This would mean that the Administration is requesting 994 million, not \$1,075,059.00. The transfer of funds from USDA is "bookkeeping", and ultimately can affect the Child Nutrition Program in that there is no real COL built into the Head Start legislation as there is in USDA. This could, therefore, "freeze" the child nutrition funds at the \$80.4 million figure.

At the present time, the Oneida Head Start projects receive approximately \$15,000 to support the Child Nutrition (Breakfast and Lunch) Program for the children per year. Costs continue to increase for the purchase of meals and food. Monies are received through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Child Care Food Project.

- III. (OICS) Need to reinstitute the system of offices of Indian Child Services for FY 1985. Even though Oneida does not come under the Minnesota Chippewa OICS Office, we have been able to remain more cost effective in training by maintaining the relationships that allow us to participate in their OICS sponsored training. The OICS System throughout the country has provided all Indian Head Start grantees with a "network" of support and information that has been beneficial to all; the broad geographic base of the Tribes makes such a system important because it allows the Tribes to come together to work out solutions to common problems; particularly those that generate out of Washington. Individually, and with few exceptions, Indian Head Start projects are small and isolated. Collectively, their voice becomes strong.
- IV. (IMPD) Retention of the Indian Migrant Program Division as the authorizing office for the widespread Indian and Migrant Head Start Projects with the same authority and responsibility as all other Head Start regional offices, as was its original intent.
- Authority now lies with Acting Director, Clennie Murphy who signs off on all documents. The authority of the IMPD office began to weaken in Fall, 1983 to its present status.
- V. (CMI) Opposition to the Cooperative Management Initiative, being urged on all Tribes with ANA, Aging and Head Start Projects by Assistant Secretary Dorcas Hardy.
- VI. (Grant delays) Why do the long delays exist on approval of grants. Submission is September 1, for FY December 1 (90 days). First Quarter check received February 15, 75 days into the new Grant year. This is a constant problem with many projects. It requires that Tribes support Head Start Projects on an interim basis. The cash flow for many Tribes is being used due to unnecessary delays in the processing of grants. At the present time, there does not appear to be a "good time" for the commencement of a Grant year. We suggest a change to a fiscal period starting October 1.
- VII. (ADA) Need to report absences on a basis of "excused" and "nonexcused". "Excused" is defined as illness or family emergency, bad weather, inaccessible roads, etc. All grantees must now report their "Average Daily Attendance" (ADA); however, as Congress is using this in its broadest sense of children merely being not present (regardless of the reason), the cost per child per our, which is also required, appears to be out of proportion, thus affecting the cost effectiveness of the Head Start Project.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of nine (9) members of whom 5 members, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 16 day of May, 1984; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of members for, 0 members against, and 0 members abstaining: And that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee