



S.F. No. 193 – Permanent school fund supplemental aid to American Indian schools

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S.F. No. 193 would provide permanent school fund supplemental aid to American Indian schools in fiscal years 2026 and 2027. (These schools are also referred to as Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) tribal contract schools.) The total amount of aid appropriated is \$40,000 in each year; this amount is allocated among qualifying schools in proportion to the number of students served at each school in the prior year.

Additional background information:

Tribal contract schools do not generate school trust land endowment payments under [M.S. 127A.33](#). In fiscal year 2025, estimated school trust land endowment payments to school districts and charter schools total \$57.0 million—approximately \$67.37 per student in average daily membership.

The estimated FY 2026 aid amounts under the bill for qualifying schools are displayed in the table below. (The count of average daily membership served in the table below is the most recent count available for the 2023-2024 school year.)

Name	Average Daily Membership Served	Aid Amount
Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Leech Lake	186.36	\$13,061
Circle of Life Academy, White Earth	92.53	\$6,485
Nay ah Shing School, Mille Lacs	143.99	\$10,092
Fond du Lac Ojibwe School, Fond du Lac	147.85	\$10,362
Total	570.73	\$40,000

