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Working on this program during virtual learning, and with Covid challenges has been interesting to say the least. Native Voices for PBIS is a wonderful idea that is beginning to take shape.

We attended meetings via Zoom and participated in conversations in regard to Native Voices in PBIS. Our schools, Greenway and Nashwauk/Keewatin are both PBIS schools. We also sent out the survey to all staff at both districts, posted it on our GNK Facebook page with all the links, emailed with both superintendents the purpose and had discussions with them. Our building principals were very interested in what the results would be.

In April we had our LIEC meeting and talked to our parent committee about the upcoming survey and asked them to fill it out, the survey was emailed to them. Several of our LIEC committee shared out the survey from our Facebook pages to hopefully reach a broader audience.

We attended both online Zoom meetings for MDE where Native Voices for PBIS was presented to all those that attended in May.

June 4, we hosted an open public meeting where it was live streamed via Facebook and WebEx. We had a discussion in regard to PBIS and how we were a part of it for Native Voices. What that might look like for the future of PBIS.

We have also been working with Louie Johannson, the chairperson for the Iron Range Council of Native Americans, and area representative for White Earth, and he volunteered himself and other members for whatever we need from them.

We have many email exchanges between Daniel Torrez and Govinda Budrow with what we see needs to be done moving forward, what has been done, and what we are continuously working on.

Sincerely, Laurie Eide