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Dear Parents,

Greetings and welcome back to another school year! My name is John Williams and I am the Native American Studies teacher at the Career Enrichment Center. I would personally like to encourage students to take advantage of the classes the APS Indian Education Department offers through the Career Enrichment Center. It is our goal to make Native Studies classes available to all APS high school students. The Career Enrichment Center makes this possible by providing busses to and from all of the APS high schools, and coordinating student schedules with the home school counselors. It is easy to sign up! **Just call CEC counselor Lynn Ramsey at 505-247-3658 or the APS Indian Education Department at 505-884-6393.**

Session 1 classes meet from 7:30-9:40 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Session 2 classes meet from 12:20-2 PM, Tuesday through Friday. ****Keep in mind the times mentioned here are based on the Hybrid Model and regular class schedule.** Here is a brief description of each class:

Navajo History and Government (Session 1) is a .5 credit course offered in the Fall or Spring Semesters. This class studies evolution of Navajo Government from prehistory to today. We use the curriculum model developed by the Navajo Nation and will fulfill the Navajo Government requirement for the Chief Manuelito Scholarship.

Native American Leadership (Session 1) is a 1.5 credit per semester elective course open to all grades. This course is designed to give students an opportunity to develop leadership skills through organizing and implementing Native American community events. Major themes are storytelling, food sales, community events, and performing arts.

Native American Economics (Session 2) is a .5 credit course offered in the Fall that satisfies the New Mexico State Economics graduation requirement. This class covers Economics from the Native American perspective.

Native American Government (Session 2) is a .5 credit course offered in the Spring that satisfies the New Mexico State Government graduation requirement. This class covers Government from the Native American perspective.

Native American Studies 1 (Session 2) is a 1 elective credit Junior and Senior level course, offered in the Fall semester. It is designed to give students a general survey of Native American history and culture of many tribes from across the nation.

Native American Studies 2 (Session 2) is a 1 elective credit Junior and Senior level course, offered in the Spring semester. It is designed to research past and present issues confronting Native American including colonization, language, identity, resource development and self-determination.

If you have any additional questions or would like to enroll in any of these classes, please contact me at: John.williams@aps.edu

Thank you! John Williams, Resource Teacher