

NISQUALLY TRIBE & NTPS PARTNERSHIP MILESTONES



Nisqually Indian Tribe



• Legislature passes bill encouraging Since Time Immemorial (STI) curriculum

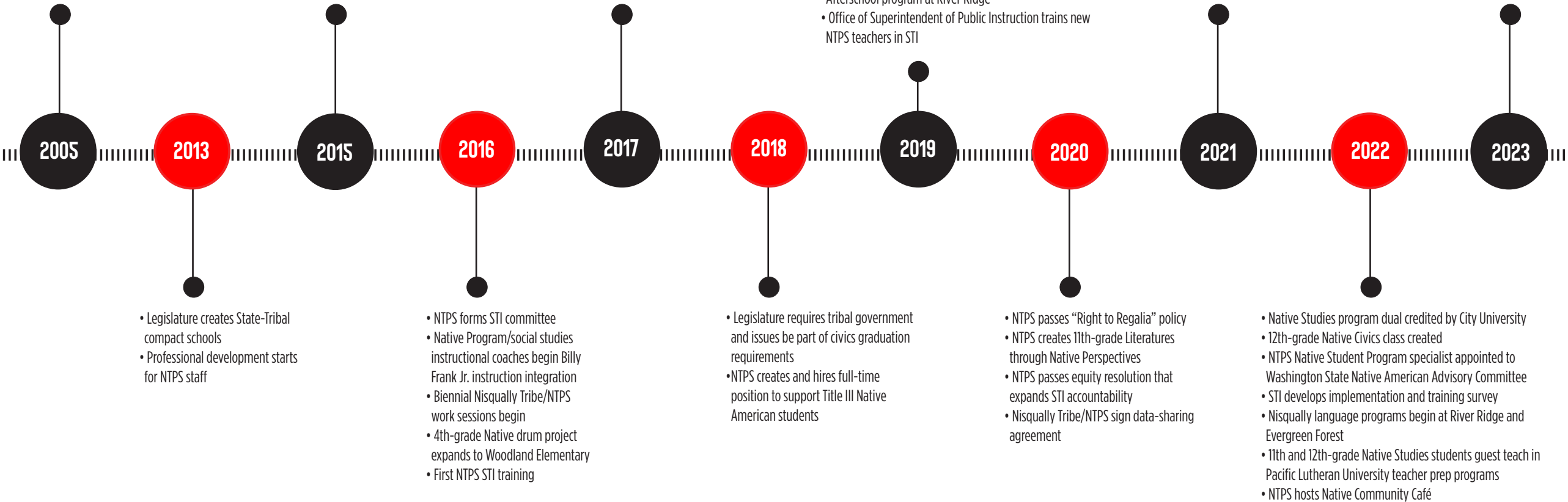
• Legislature mandates STI curriculum

• NTPS and Yelm School District present on partnerships with Nisqually Tribal Tuancy at the Becca Conference

• Nisqually Tribe flags fly at all NTPS district properties
• Evergreen Forest Elementary raises the first flag
• NTPS creates Land Acknowledgement policy
• First Billy Frank Jr. celebration
• State social studies standards embedded with STI
• NTPS creates 11th-grade US History through the Native Perspective course
• River Ridge High School staff receive Nisqually Tribe training
• Bill Kallappa (Makah) appointed to State Board of Education
• STI Committee earns Dick Williams award
• Mentor Washington supports development of Native Afterschool program at River Ridge
• Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction trains new NTPS teachers in STI

• Legislature creates government-to-government training requirements
• Legislature bans offensive Native mascots
• Pilot launch of 4th-grade Nisqually science field experience
• Jerad Koepp (Wukchummi) is first Native teacher named 2022 Washington Teacher of the Year

• TVW Native Civics video project
• Social studies course progressions embed STI grades 6-12
• 4th-grade field experience expanded
• STI overview for district administrators and specialists



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A STRONG PARTNERSHIP

North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS) and the Nisqually Tribal Council have formed a partnership which provides a path to unity and understanding of the Native American culture. The NTPS School Board strives to not only provide for the educational needs of our Native American students, but also to foster an environment which embraces the differences and commonalities between our cultures. We have 230 Native students from more than 50 tribes enrolled in the district.

“It’s been so exciting to see the partnership between NTPS and the Nisqually Tribe come to life in such meaningful ways. From staff trainings to curriculum to Lushootseed language clubs, we are working together to honor the rich tribal history and culture in our community.”

–Tiffany Sevruck, NTPS Board Director

The District and the Tribal Council meet bi-annually to discuss how we can work and grow together to increase student growth opportunities for our Native American students which has an overall effect for all students in preparation for “rewarding careers, fulfilling lives, and compassionate global citizenship.”



SUPPORTING NATIVE STUDENTS AT NORTH THURSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Native Student Program is a supplemental program designed to assist American Indian and Alaska Native students with culturally unique academic needs to meet Washington State academic achievement standards. What we offer our Native students:

- Academic support
- Cultural programs and activities
- Family events
- Staff development for North Thurston employees
- Provide culturally relevant curriculum and resources
- Assist with post-high school planning

We are funded through a federal grant under Title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The amount of funds is determined by the number of students officially registered in our program.

“I look at this work as the big picture and weaving everything together. For our kids today, they need to understand who they are and where they come from before they do anything in life.”

–Willie Frank III, Nisqually Tribal Council Chairman



“The whole NTPS community benefits when we prioritize culturally relevant curriculum and resources, and meaningful recognition and celebration of Native students and culture. This work is critical and joyful.”

–Gretchen Maliska, NTPS Board President



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