



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
GOVERNOR

June 10, 2009

Dear Superintendent:

We invite you to share this video "*STANDING STRONG: TRIBAL NATIONS OF WESTERN OREGON*" with your students as part of activities your schools are planning to commemorate Oregon's Sesquicentennial. This is an important tool to bring the story of the Western Tribes to Oregon students as part of the total history of all the tribes in the state.

Please consider the value of its continued use as a tool to educate students, teachers and your local community about the history and current situation of the tribal governments of Western Oregon. These tribal governments were here before Oregon was a state. They have made—and continue to make—valuable contributions to our culture, heritage, traditions and values of who we are as Oregonians now and who we will be in the future.

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw, the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz have collaborated for over a year on the production of this video. The video can be found online at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=112>. Please help publicize its distribution to Indian Education staff, such as Title VII staff in your school district.

Tribal government representatives from each of these tribal nations are available as an on-going resource for you, your staff and students for discussion about the video. Tribal government representatives are also available to answer any questions you may have about other facets of their unique history, organization, priorities and legal status. Please contact the Legislative Commission on Indian Services at cassandra.ferder@state.or.us to find out how to get a hard copy of "Standing Strong."

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Thank you for your review of "*STANDING STRONG: TRIBAL NATIONS OF WESTERN OREGON.*"

Sincerely,

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Governor

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan Castillo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name being the most prominent.

SUSAN CASTILLO
Superintendent of Public Instruction