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(S.D.)-Students Donate To Tribe To Buy Sacred Land



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ROSEBUD, S.D. (AP) - A kindergarten class on the Rosebud Indian Reservation is donating their loose change to an effort to secure land in the Black Hills that tribal members consider sacred.

The group of 19 students from Rosebud Elementary collected close to \$50 over a two-week period and donated it to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Teacher Oyate Burnette says she wanted to teach the kids to take initiative. The kids presented the money to the tribal council during a meeting last week.

Tribes of the Great Sioux Nation must raise \$9 million by the end of the month to buy the land in the Black Hills. They have raised \$7 million so far.

The land the tribes call Pe' Sla (pay shlaw) is important to their creation story