

**(S.D.)-More Than 1,500 Attend Indian Education Convention**

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - More than 1,500 people from around the nation attended the annual National Indian Education convention and trade show in Rapid City.

One of the association's main goals is to promote greater freedom and educational standards in Native American classrooms.

Suzanne Whitelance, a co-chair of the local planning committee, says the convention that ended Saturday encompassed a lot of public policy issues such as current curriculum.

The Rapid City Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates the convention had an economic impact of nearly \$1.6 million on the western South Dakota area.