

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world;

indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

--Margaret Mead

Call To Action

What Can You Do?

- Write a letter to the editor (mascots, WP, opportunity gap)
- Help write a grant for tribal language, diversity initiatives
- Verbally advocate against systems of privilege
- Help arrange opportunity for training (teachers, administration, school board)
- Join your school district's curriculum team
- Run for school board, join advisory committee
- Attend a school board meeting and raise your voice
- Advocate for bilingual signage
- Take a class
- Read a new book
- Tell others about what you learned here today

Free Resources & Videos

- <http://vimeo.com/10098173>
- <http://www.pbs.org/indiancountry/history/boarding.html>
- <http://archives.cbc.ca/society/education/topics/692/>
- <http://www.waadookodaading.org>
- <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/airc/oshkaabewis/issues/>

Good Books

- David Wallace, *Education for Extinction: American Indians and the Boarding School Experience 1875-1928*
- Brenda Child, *Boarding School Children: A Journey Across Two Worlds, 1900-1940*



Everyone has an opportunity to make things better. Those opportunities present themselves on almost every level. We can all apply slow, steady, compassionate pressure on others to change the way we talk and think about race.”

Dr. Anton Treuer

Growing up among the three largest Indian reservations in northern Minnesota, the young Anton Treuer was often frustrated by the sometimes subtle, but habitual, racism he witnessed and the lack of anything being done about it, particularly in the classroom.

When he was a student in the public schools, Treuer remembers an atmosphere of denial, with little to no education about the social, cultural and historical contributions of American Indians. “I thought, if I’m Native and going to school, but not learning about Native people, how will others learn and develop an understanding?” Treuer says. “Part of my mission now is to remedy that.”

Today, Dr. Treuer, a professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University, is widely seen by his community as a leader: an educational bridge builder and cultural preservationist who is truly faithful to his mission. He has a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University and a master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Minnesota. He is Editor of the *Oshkaabewis Native Journal*, the only academic journal of the Ojibwe language, and author of nine books, including his latest, *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask*.

Books by Dr. Anton Treuer:

- *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask* --MHS Press

- ***Ojibwe in Minnesota*** (“Minnesota’s Best Read for 2010” by The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress)--MHS Press
- ***The Assassination of Hole in the Day*** – MHS Press
- ***Living Our Language: Ojibwe Tales & Oral Histories***—MHS Press
- ***Ezhichigeyang: Ojibwe Word List*** --comprised of terminology for traditional fishing practices and wigwam building
- ***Awesiinyensag: Dibaajimowinan Ji-gikinoo’amaageng*** (“Minnesota’s Best Read for 2011” by The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress)
- ***Aaniin Ekidong***: Ojibwe Vocabulary Project
- ***Indian Nations of North America***
- ***Omaa Akiing***-- the stories of five Leech Lake Ojibwe elders