



## Media Release

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## Petition for Government Apology Tops 2100 Signatures

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The number of signatures for the [Apology for Abuses at US Indian Schools](#) online petition recently topped 2100 names on its way towards a goal of 10,000. Sponsored by White Bison, Inc., an American Indian non-profit organization, plans call for the petition to be delivered to President Barack Obama on June 24, 2009 at the conclusion of the cross-country Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness, which will begin on May 16, 2009 in Salem, Oregon.

The petition begins, "We, the undersigned, call upon you to formally apologize on behalf of the US Federal Government and the People of this Great Nation for the widespread abuse of Native American children at the nearly 500 schools funded by the US government to assimilate Native American people."

White Bison, Inc, urges both Native and non-Native people alike who feel strongly about the need for the US government to make this gesture of apology for the benefit of Native Americans and for the integrity of the nation as a whole to **sign the petition online right away**. Those interested can go to [www.whitebison.org](http://www.whitebison.org) and click on the Petition link.

### Native America Calling

In a related upcoming event, Don Coyhis, Mohican Nation, Founder and president of White Bison, Inc., will make a guest appearance on **Native America Calling**, the Native American call-in show on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 11:00 AM until 12 Noon, Mountain time, to talk about the upcoming Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness. He will be joined by Theda New Breast, Blackfeet Nation, a longtime Native healing and wellness facilitator, and member of the Wellbriety Council of Elders. Both guests will talk about the harmful legacy of the Indian Boarding School Era, the many approaches to healing and wellbeing available to Native Americans, and the role of the Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness to benefit Native health and wellness. Those interested in listening can go to [www.nativeamericacalling.com](http://www.nativeamericacalling.com) and listen online. To learn about the Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness, go to [www.whitebison.org](http://www.whitebison.org).

### Historical Trauma Workshops

Finally, the six remaining day-long workshops for learning about the boarding school legacy will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 in the central part of the country. Workshops will take place in Kansas City, KS; Rapid City, SD; Albuquerque, NM; Minneapolis, MN; Oneida, WI; and Mt. Pleasant, MI. This workshop was already given in seven locations in the western part of the US on April 4, 2009 with enthusiastic attendance at each of the western sites. To attend one of the workshops on April 18, visit [www.whitebison.org](http://www.whitebison.org) and click on Register Online Now for White Bison's Historical Trauma Workshops - Apr. 4th & 18<sup>th</sup>. Those interested may also register by calling toll-free, 1-877-871-1495. Space is limited and pre-registration is advised.

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