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The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has scheduled their semi-annual 2% distribution, dispersing funds derived from Class III gaming at its properties Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino. The Tribe will be distributing **\$2,161,139.17** in Isabella County (\$1,268,769.82 for Government and \$892,369.35 for Education) and another **\$785,463.81** in Arenac and Northern Bay County (\$550,004.58 for Government and \$235,459.23 for Education) for the spring 2018 cycle.

As with previous years, the Tribal Council receives numerous submissions, carefully reviewing each and every request. This distribution cycle saw a combined 412 individual requests submitted between the local governments and schools.

Chief, Ronald Ekdahl explains, "The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has the unique and wonderful opportunity to provide our local governments and schools with additional funding through 2% distributions. Over the past 24 years the tribe has contributed over \$249 million dollars funding roads, community initiatives, funding for elders programming, and the ability to provide schools with technology, training and supplies. He also mentions, "The benefit to the communities is felt not only by our tribal members in those counties, but by the local citizens receiving those benefits without the additional strain of increased taxes to fund them. It is with great pleasure that the Tribal Council meets with local leaders, educators and administrative staff to distribute these funds."

The Arenac and Northern Bay County distribution will take place at the Saganing Tribal Center located at 5447 Sturman Road, Standish, Michigan on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. The Isabella County distribution will take place on Friday, May 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Senior's room of Tribal Operations located at 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

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