



BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE

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A BI-DIRECTIONAL APPROACH

Since 2017, the Everett Freeman Promise Neighborhood (“Corning Promise”) initiative, led by the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians, has **invested over \$16 million in cradle-to-career solutions** to support student success and community development in Corning and Rancho Tehama. Named for Everett Freeman, a revered Tribal leader who helped the Tribe regain federal recognition, this initiative has become a cornerstone of the Tribe’s commitment to empowering the region’s youth and families.

“Our community has always prioritized building opportunities that allow children and families to thrive,” said Chairman Brandin Paya of the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians. *“The Everett Freeman Promise Neighborhood operationalizes that vision on a larger scale, honoring Everett Freeman’s legacy by ensuring every child and family has access to education, wellness, and opportunity.”*

Funded by two consecutive grants, the initiative emphasizes collaboration, bringing together schools, community organizations, and leaders to address systemic challenges. Its comprehensive solutions meet the physical, emotional, social, and academic needs of students. *“As equal partners in the community, we’re working together to address complex issues,”* Chairman Paya explained. *“This initiative unites Tribal and regional partners toward the shared goal of becoming stronger and more resilient by combining resources, strengths, and perspectives.”*