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### For Immediate Release:

#### **Navajo Nation Poet Laureate and Award-Winning Author Laura Tohe, PhD To Speak at Lincoln School on October 10**

Providence, RI (September 30, 2019)—Laura Tohe is Diné from the Navajo Nation. She holds a Ph.D. in Indigenous American Literature and is the Navajo Nation Poet Laureate for 2015-2019. A librettist and an award-winning poet, her books include *No Parole Today*, *Making Friends with Water*, *Sister Nations*, *Tséyi*, *Deep in the Rock*, and *Code Talker Stories*.

Her commissioned librettos are *Enemy Slayer*, *A Navajo Oratorio*, for the Phoenix Symphony on the Naxos Classical Music label and *Nahasdzáán in the Glittering World*, which made its world premiere in 2019 in France. She wrote essays, stories, and a children's play that have appeared in the U.S., Canada, and Europe with French, Dutch, and Italian translations. She is the recipient of the American Indian Festival of Writers Award, the Joy Harjo & the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Fund Award, the Dan Schilling Public Scholar Award, and was twice nominated for the Pushcart Award. She is Professor Emerita with Distinction from Arizona State University.

Tohe will be speaking at Lincoln School as a part of the Bold Voices Speaker Series, which features a diverse array of distinguished individuals from all walks of life who are dedicated to sharing their perspectives to enrich the greater community. This event is free and open to the public thanks to the generous support of the Joseph R. and Jeffrey R. Paolino Fund. Find more information at [www.lincolnschool.org/lauratohe](http://www.lincolnschool.org/lauratohe)

**Who:** Poet Laureate Laura Tohe

**What:** A Conversation With Laura Tohe

**Where:** Lincoln School: 301 Butler Avenue, Providence, RI 02906

**When:** Thursday, October 10, 2019 | 6 p.m.

**Photo Opp:** Laura Tohe will be reading her works and speaking to members of the Greater Providence community