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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) has prepared a draft rule to address leasing and fundraising at BIE-operated schools. This rule currently affects only federally operated schools, lessees, and school employees; it does not affect tribally operated schools, grant schools, or any other schools that are not BIE-operated.

The rule implements a mandate from Congress to establish standards for leasing and fundraising at BIE-operated schools. (See Pub. L. 112-74, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012). The leasing standards apply to leasing of BIE-operated school land and/or facilities in exchange for funds to be used for school purposes. The fundraising standards apply to BIE-operated school employees who fundraise for a BIE-operated school. The full text of the draft rule is available at:

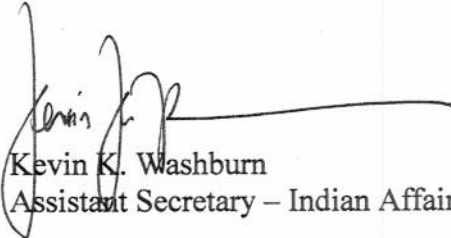
<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/Consultation>

This rule affects only the 59 schools and 2 post-secondary schools that BIE operates. Nevertheless, you may be interested in this rule simply because tribal members and their children may attend those schools. As such, we would like to provide you with the opportunity to submit comments to: Ms. Jacquelyn Cheek, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 3609-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. You may also submit comments by email at: [BIELeasing@BIA.gov](mailto:BIELeasing@BIA.gov). Please submit any comments you may have on the substance of the rule no later than September 1, 2013.

If you would like to comment on this consultation process, please provide your comments to: Ms. Elizabeth Appel, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4141-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. You may also submit comments by email at: [BIELeasing@BIA.gov](mailto:BIELeasing@BIA.gov). Please submit any comments you may have on this consultation process no later than September 1, 2013.

Should you have questions about this draft rule, please contact Ms. Cheek or Ms. Appel at (202) 208-7163 for further information.

Sincerely,



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