

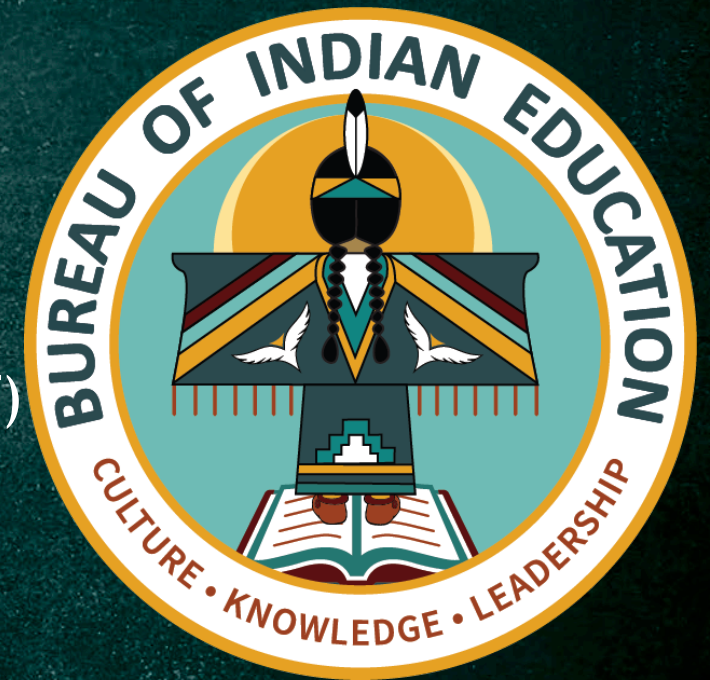


U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Education

TRIBAL CONSULTATION

Tribes/Public Session: March 14, 2025, 12:00-2:00 pm (ET)

Tribes/Public Session: March 14, 2025, 2:30-4:30 pm (ET)



BEFORE WE BEGIN...



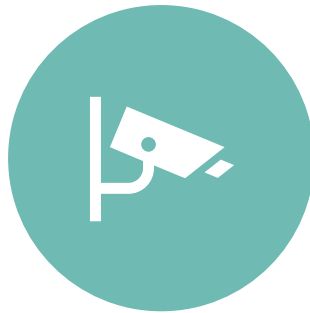
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Mission

In partnership with Indigenous Nations, the BIE promotes a culturally based, holistic education that prepares and empowers students to be healthy and successful.

Vision

Excellence in Student-Centered, Indigenous Education.



PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION

On January 29, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) 14191 to Expand Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families.

The EO Section 7 directs the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) within 90 days to review any available mechanisms under which families of students eligible to attend Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools may use their Federal funding for educational options of their choice, including private, faith-based, or public charter schools.

EO Section 7 also directs the Secretary to submit a plan to the President describing such mechanisms and the steps necessary to implement them for the 2025-26 school year.

Seeking Input from Tribes/Stakeholders

Consultation is being conducted to seek input from Tribes and Stakeholders on the Executive Order (EO) and related topics including:

- (1) Any available mechanisms that could provide families of eligible students use of Federal funding for educational options of their choice including how any such mechanisms will be funded;
- (2) To the extent that there exist any such mechanisms to implement in the 2025-26 school year, the eligibility criteria for students in the plan referenced in the EO;
- (3) Educational options near existing BIE-funded schools that could provide potentially eligible students local flexibility to attend a non-BIE school, such as private, faith-based, or public charter schools.

Soliciting Feedback Regarding Available Mechanisms

Given the Executive Order, Executive Order (EO) to Expand Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families,

- What available mechanisms can provide families of eligible students use of Federal funding for educational options of their choice including how any such mechanisms will be funded?

Soliciting Feedback Regarding Eligibility Criteria

Given the Executive Order, Executive Order (EO) to Expand Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families,

- To the extent that there exist any such mechanisms to implement in the 2025-26 school year, the eligibility criteria for students in the plan referenced in the EO should be, as follows?

Soliciting Feedback Regarding Educational Options

Given the Executive Order (EO) to Expand Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families,

- What educational options are available near existing BIE-funded schools that can provide potentially eligible students local flexibility to attend a non-BIE school, such as private, faith-based, or public charter schools?

TRIBAL AND STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes to accommodate feedback from other participants and stay focused on the EO and related topics.

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WE NEED YOUR INPUT

- Click on the link to access the Executive Order on [Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families - The White House](#)
- Send comments by email to consultationcomments@bie.edu with “Executive Order to Expand Educational Freedom and Opportunities for Families” in the email subject line or to Juanita Mendoza, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 3609, Washington, DC 20240.
- For Information Contact:
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NEXT STEPS

Please submit
comments by **Friday,**
March 21, 2025,
11:59 pm Pacific
Time



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Thank You Tansi
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