



## United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION  
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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is announcing the 2014 Johnson-O'Malley Program (JOM) student count as required by the Explanatory Statement to the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. The JOM student count is needed to obtain an accurate and up-to-date count of eligible students. The BIE proposes the starting date for the count to be July 1, 2014 and the end date to be September 15, 2014.

The Johnson-O'Malley Act of 1934 was passed in order to subsidize education, medical services and other social services provided to Indians living within the borders of states or territories. Today, JOM funding (See 25 CFR Part 273) is used for programs designed to meet the specialized and unique educational needs of eligible Indian students, including programs that supplement existing school programming operational supports, when necessary, to meet established state educational standards.

Any state, school district, tribal organization or Indian corporation, including a previously private or sectarian operated school which is considered a tribal organization, 25 CFR § 273.11, is eligible for JOM program funding. Under 25 CFR 273.12, American Indians age 3 through grade 12 who are enrolled in public schools are eligible if they are at least one fourth degree of Indian blood and recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as eligible for BIE services.

The BIE Education Line Officers will contact federally recognized tribes, existing JOM programs and urban Indian communities to gather information regarding JOM eligible students. Additional information and a Microsoft Excel reporting form is available on the BIE website at [www.bie.edu](http://www.bie.edu). Because of the limited time to conduct the count, organizations are to submit their School Year 2013-2014 eligible Indian student count.

If you have any questions regarding the 2014 JOM count, please contact Ms. Juanita Mendoza, Program Analyst, Division of Policy and Research, at (202) 208-3559.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles M. Roessel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Charles M. Roessel  
Director, Bureau of Indian Education